

Morris Canal Abandonment Photos 1923

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The series depicts the Morris Canal in an abandoned state, at the time that the Canal Company was dissolved and its property reverted to the State of New Jersey, with the exception of most of the canal's path across Jersey City. That property and its right-of-way became the property of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. The State of New Jersey retained the rights to the Little Basin area at the Hudson River.

The series of numbered images starts at the east end of the Little Basin and traverses all of the city. Number plates are visible in the images, and in many there is a person for size perspective.

It is believed that this series was commissioned for the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and dates from 1923.

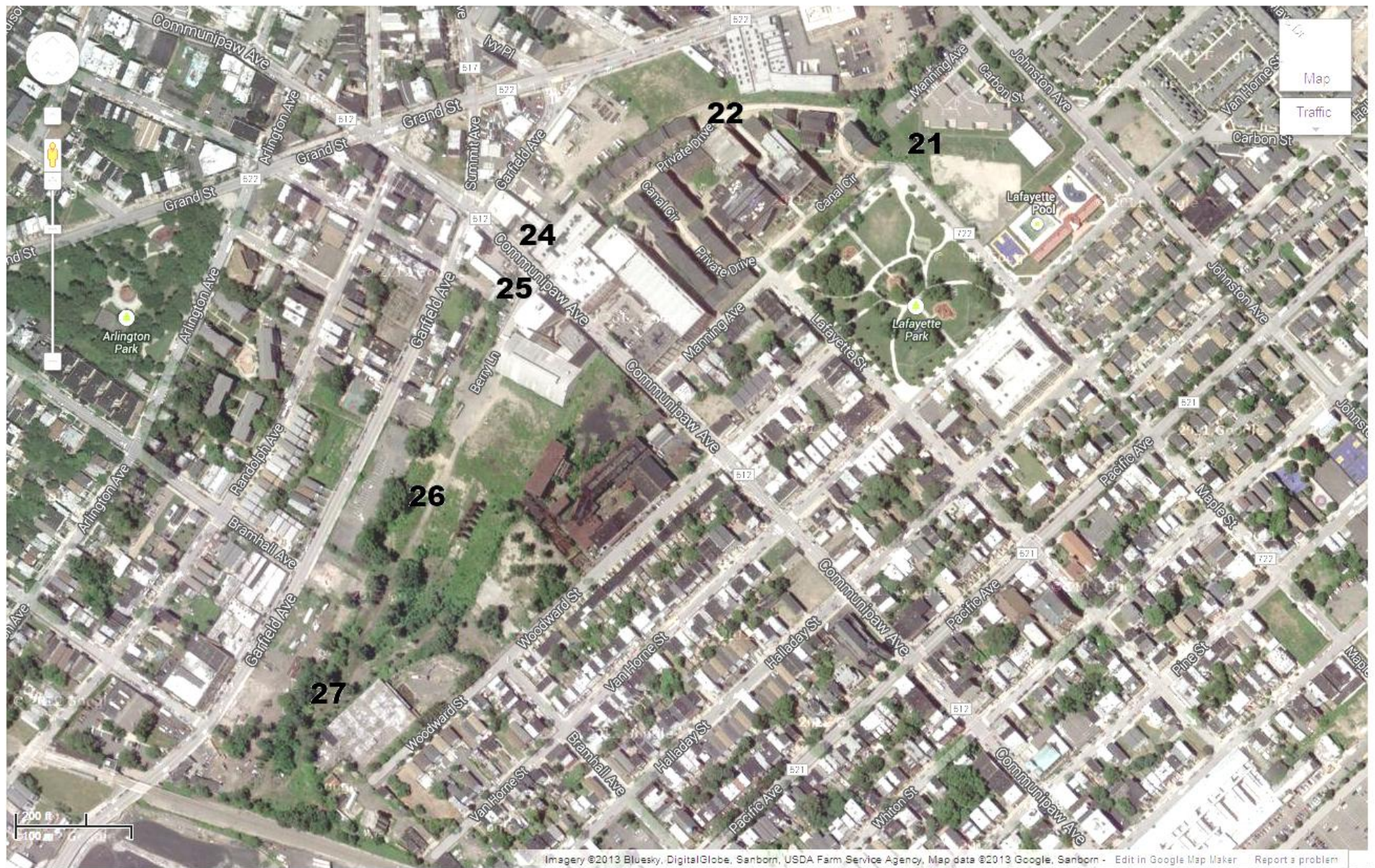
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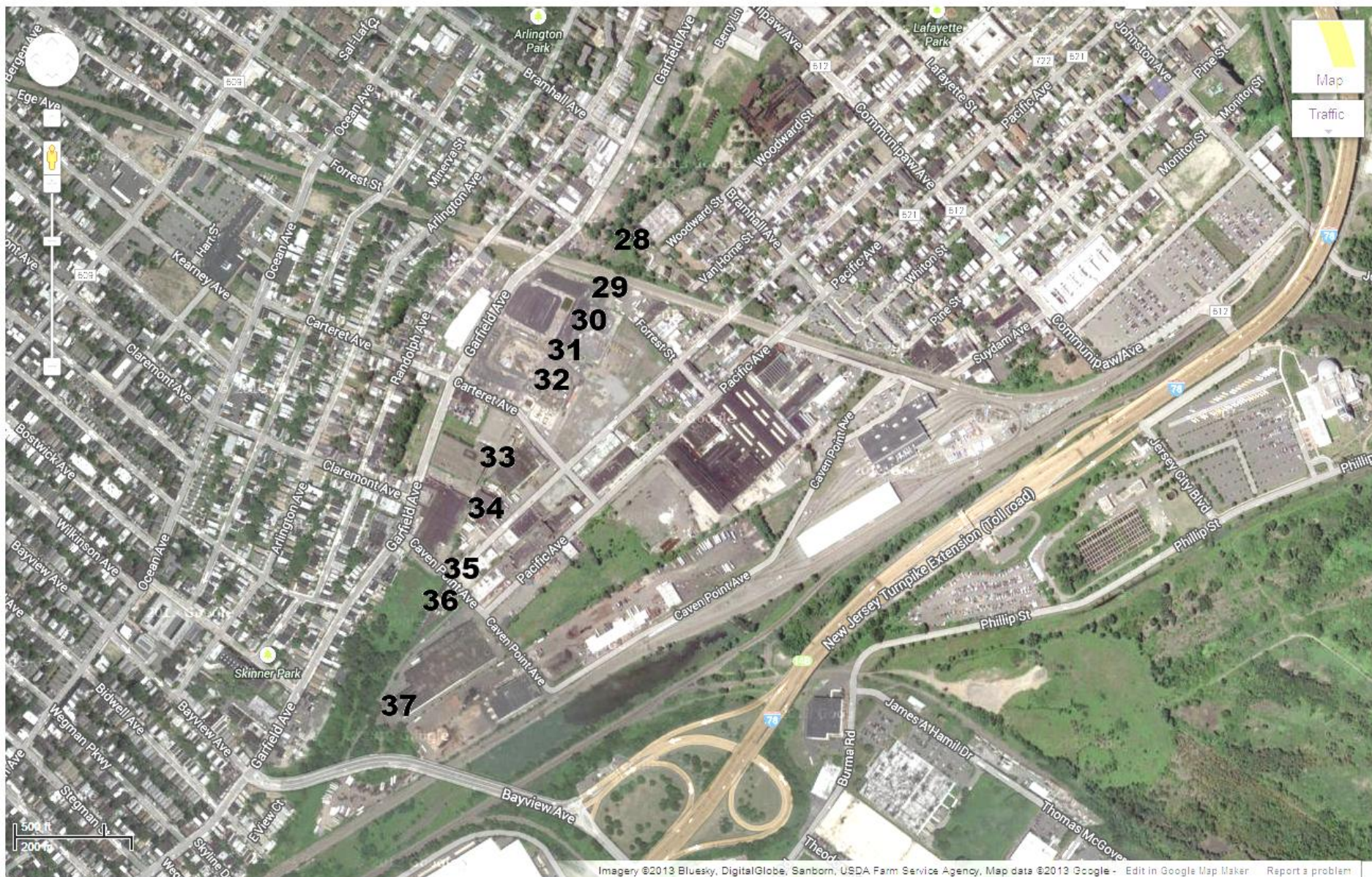
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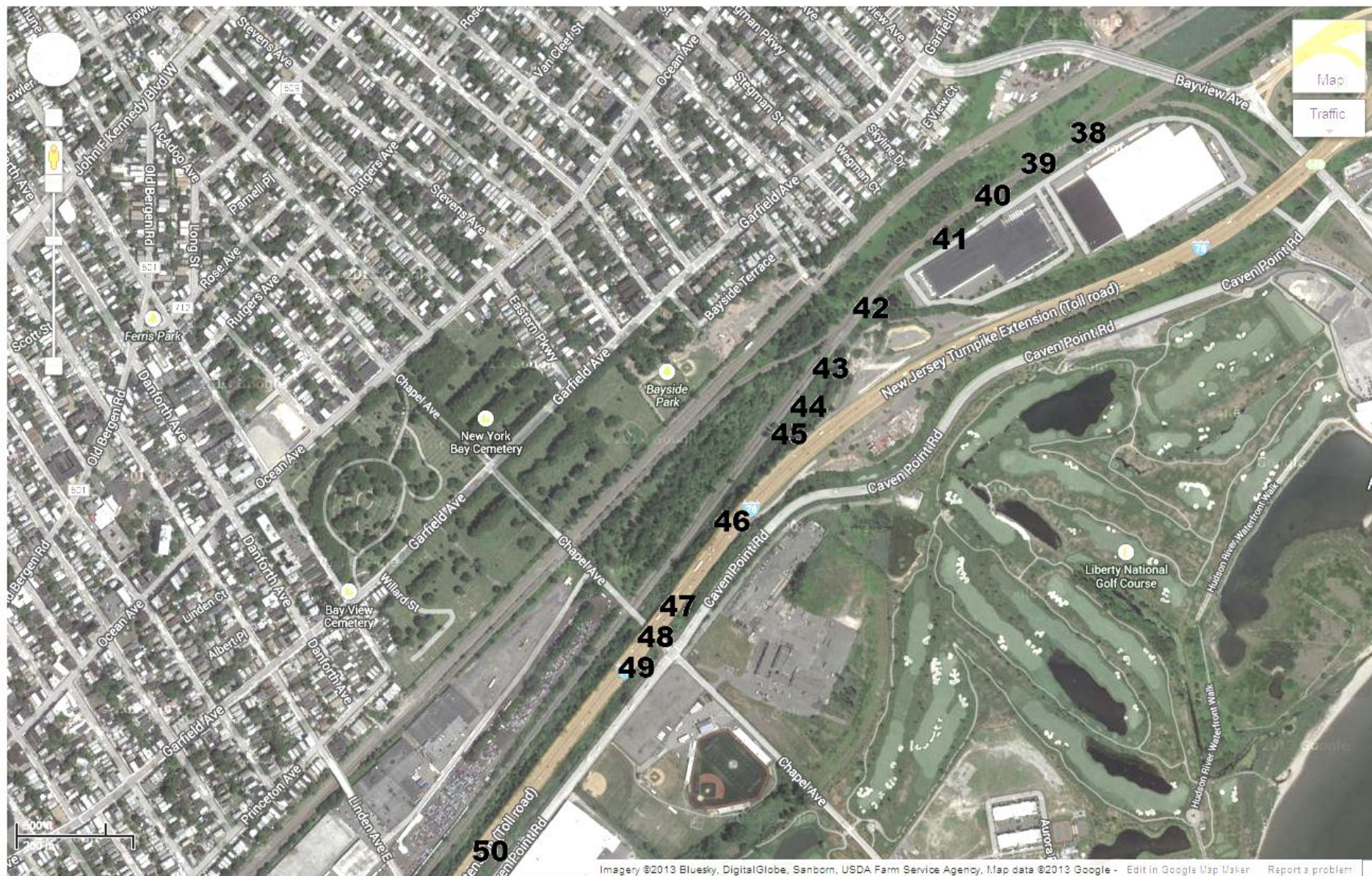


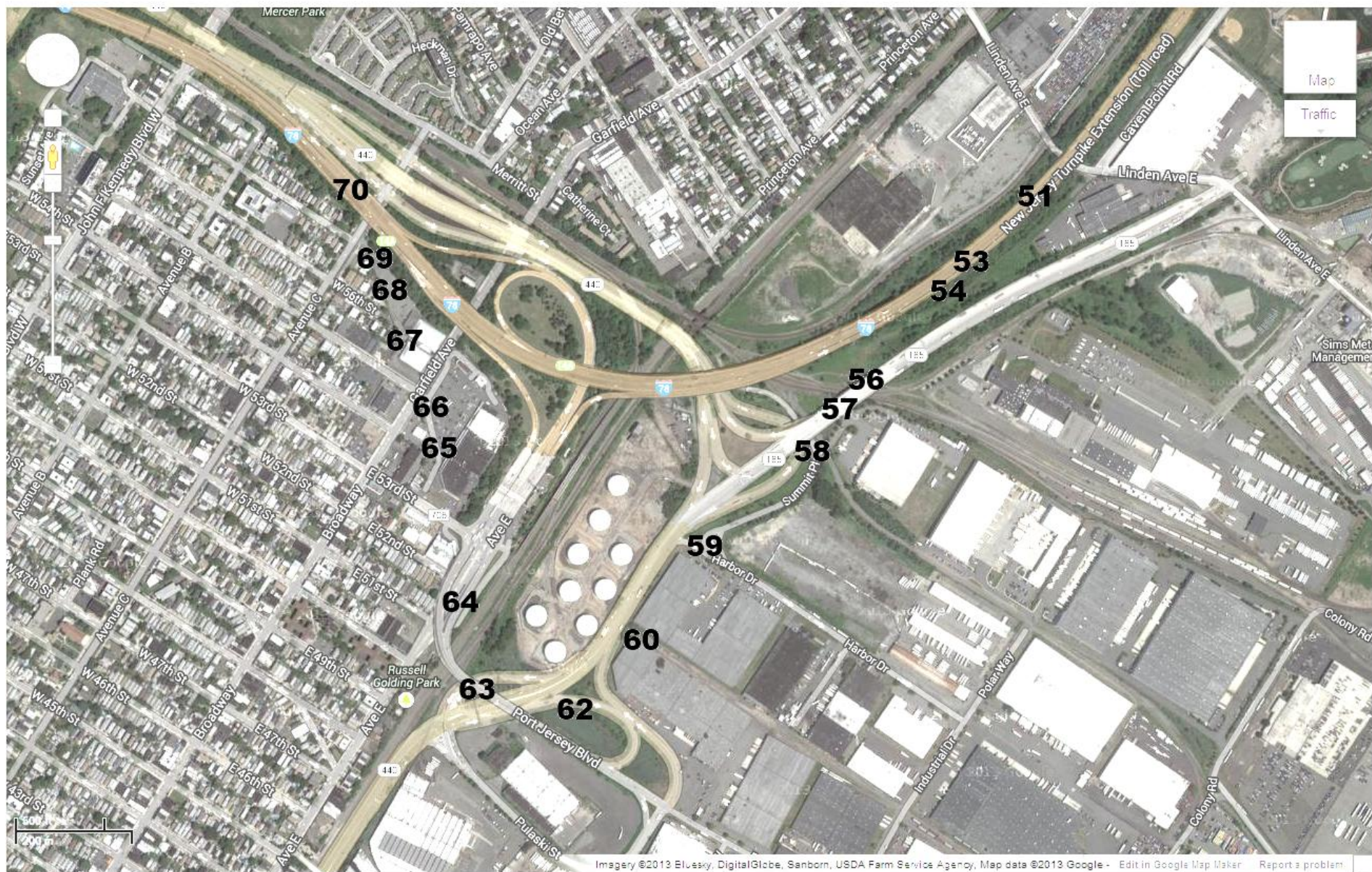


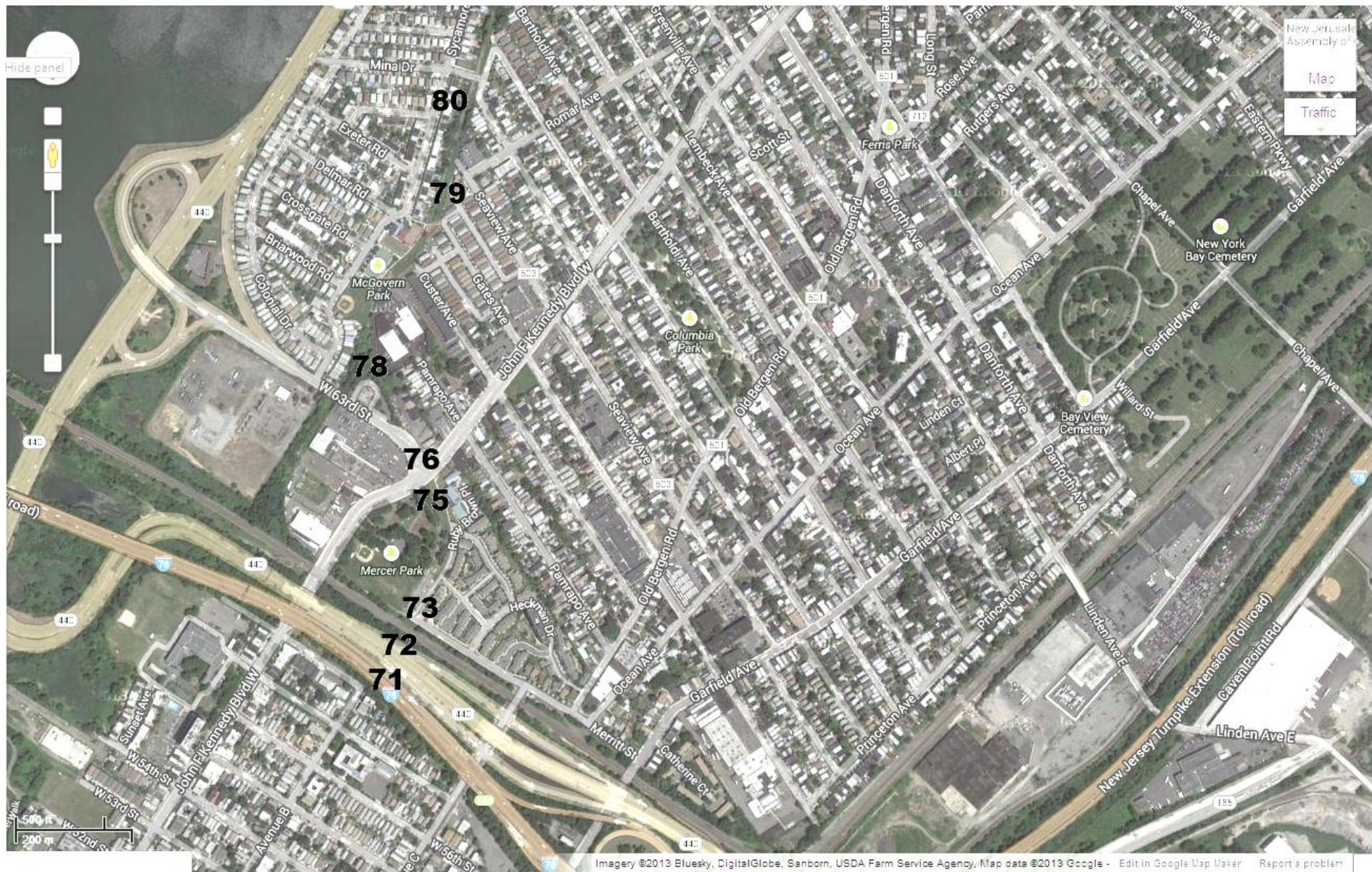


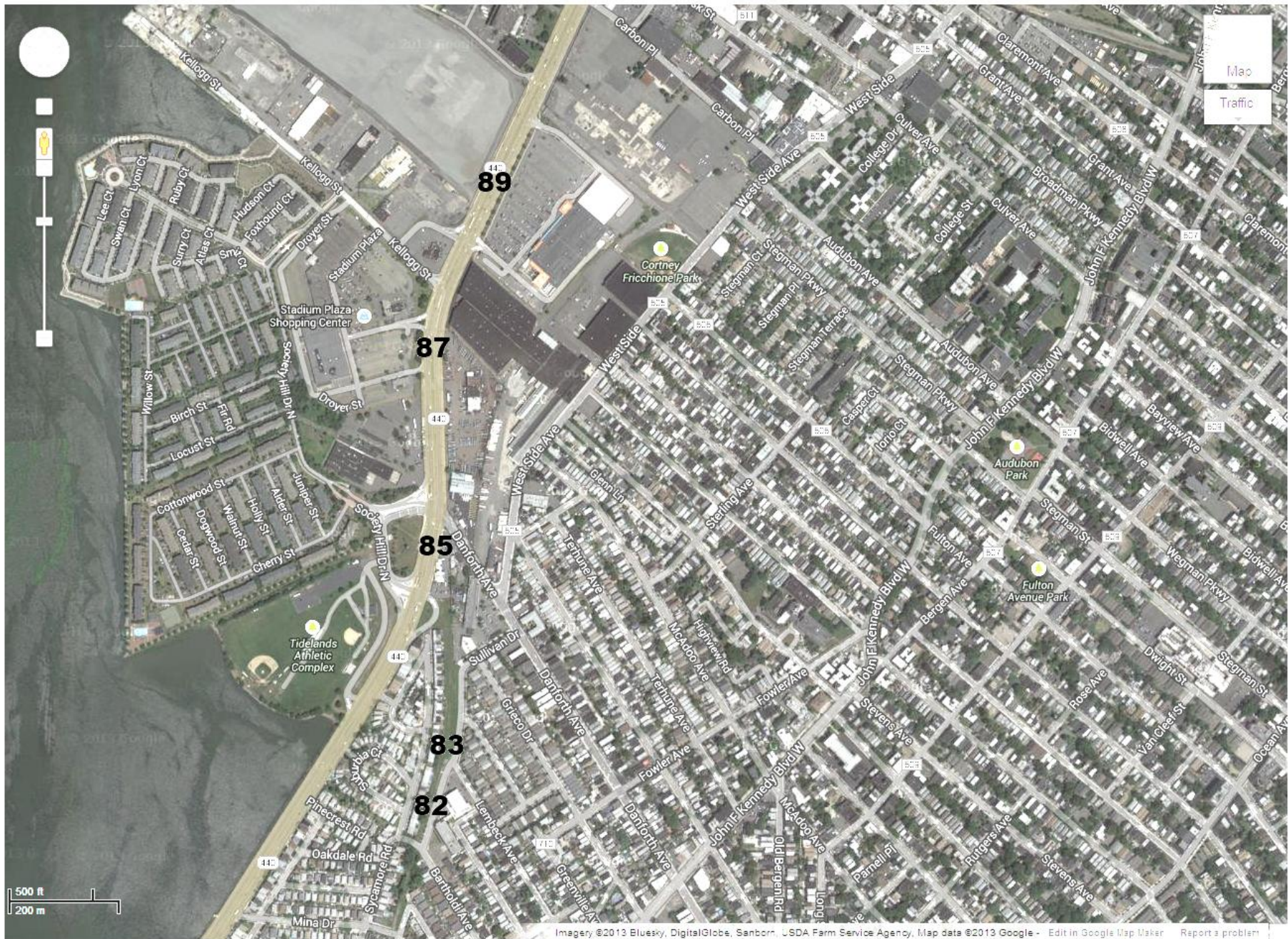




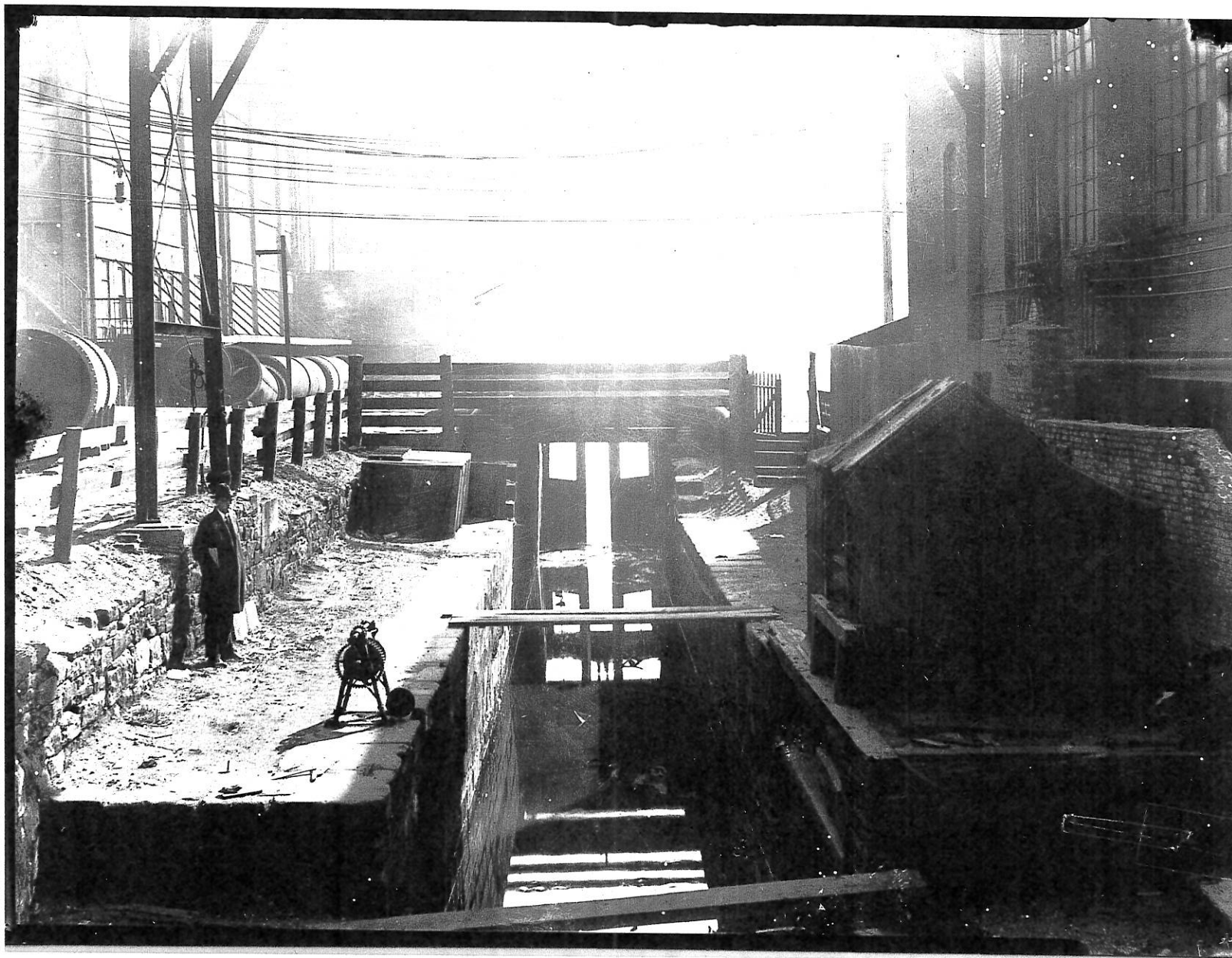












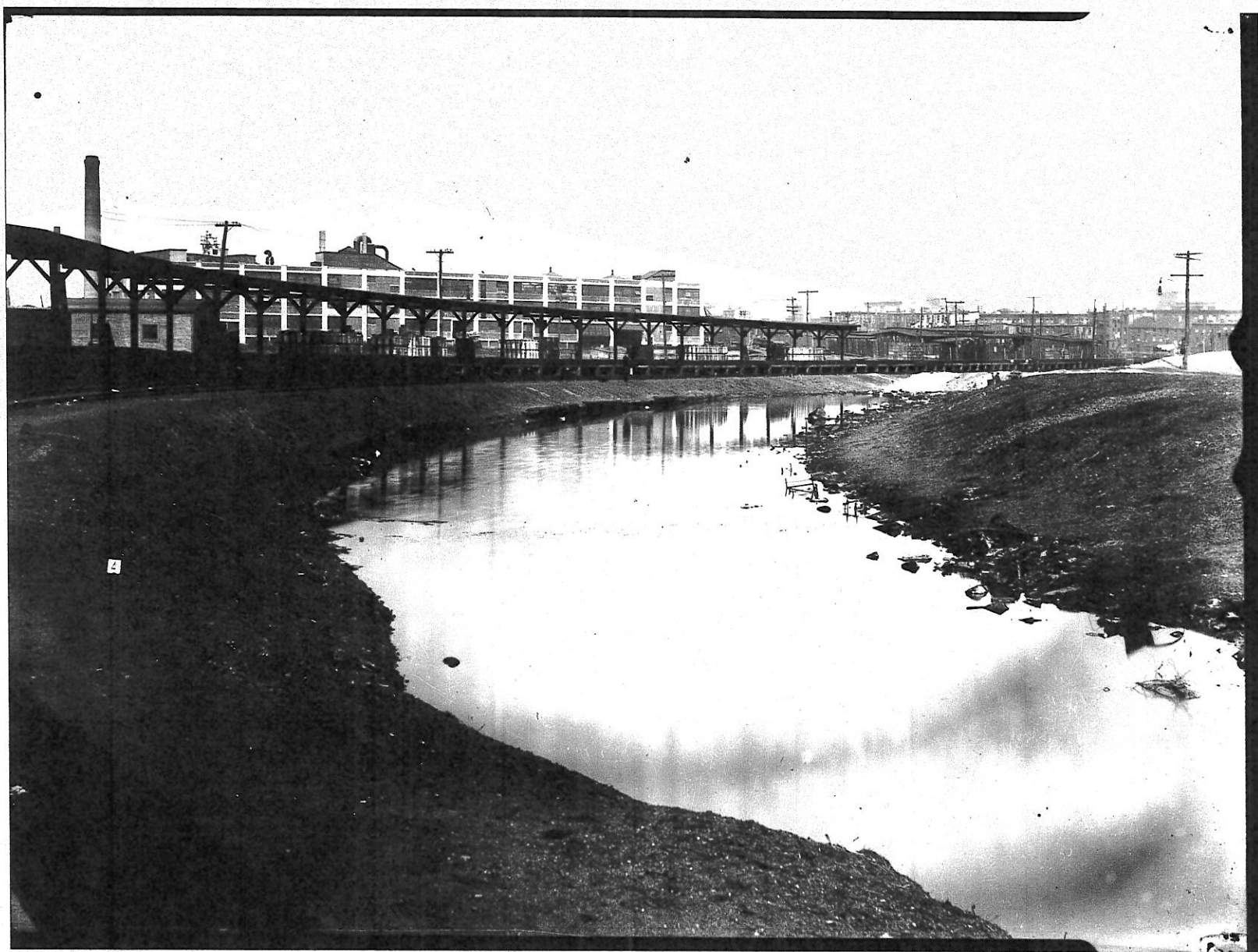
1. Vicinity of Washington & Dudley, looking E



2. Vicinity of Warren & Dudley, looking E



3. Looking West, vicinity of Warren and Dudley



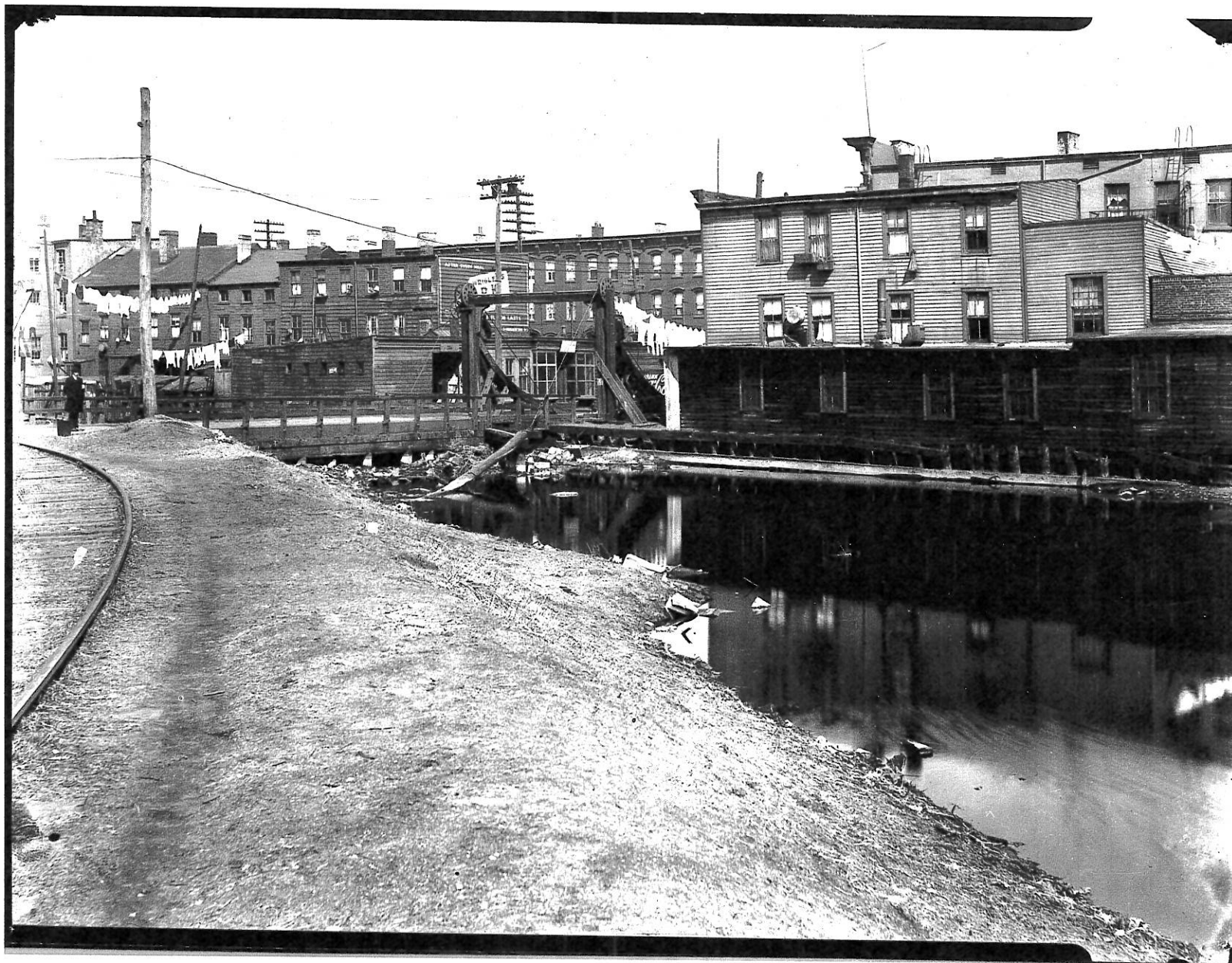
4. East of Van Vorst St. at Dudley, looking W/SW



5. Vicinity of Van Vorst & Essex, looking N/NW



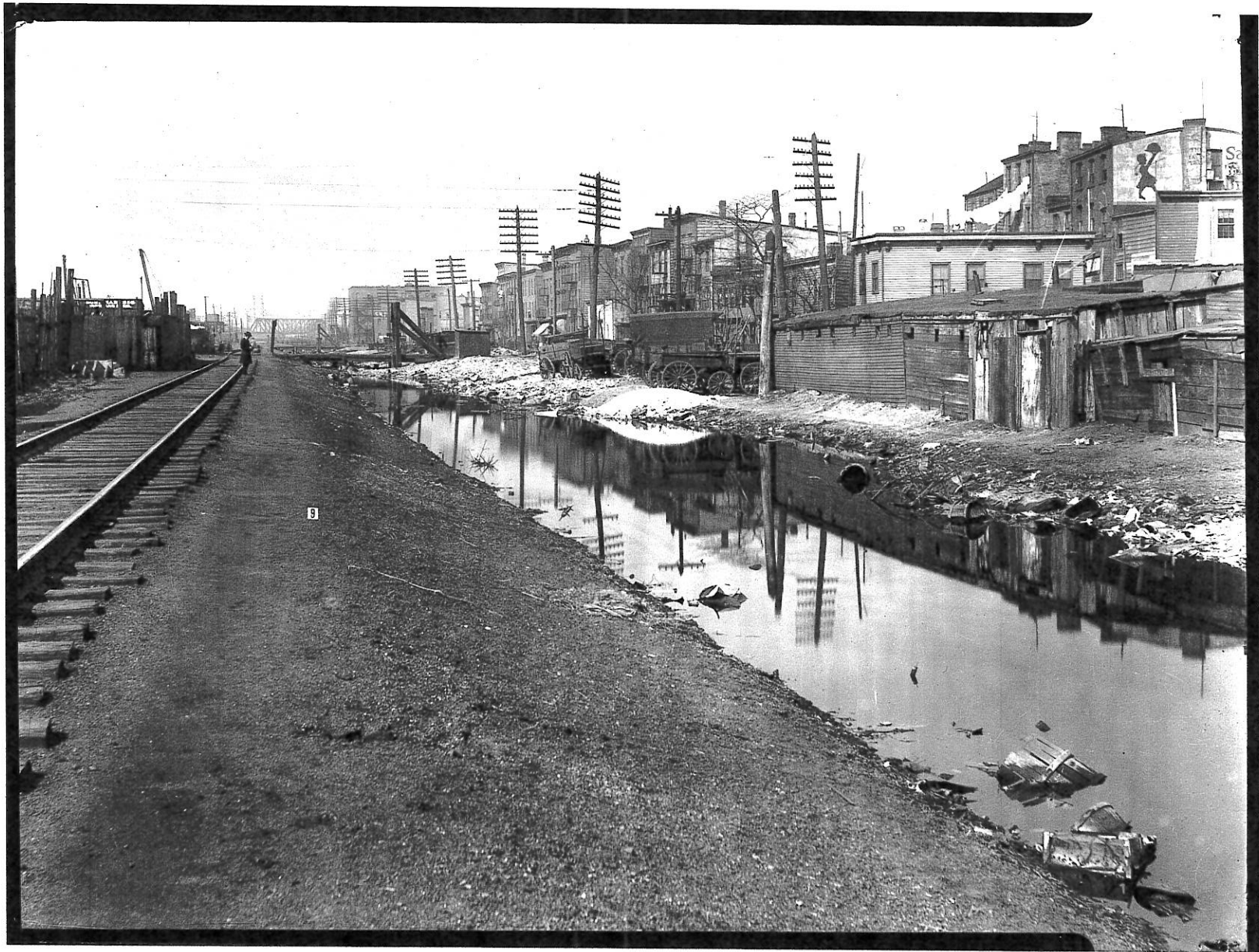
6. Across from Morris at Van Vorst, looking N



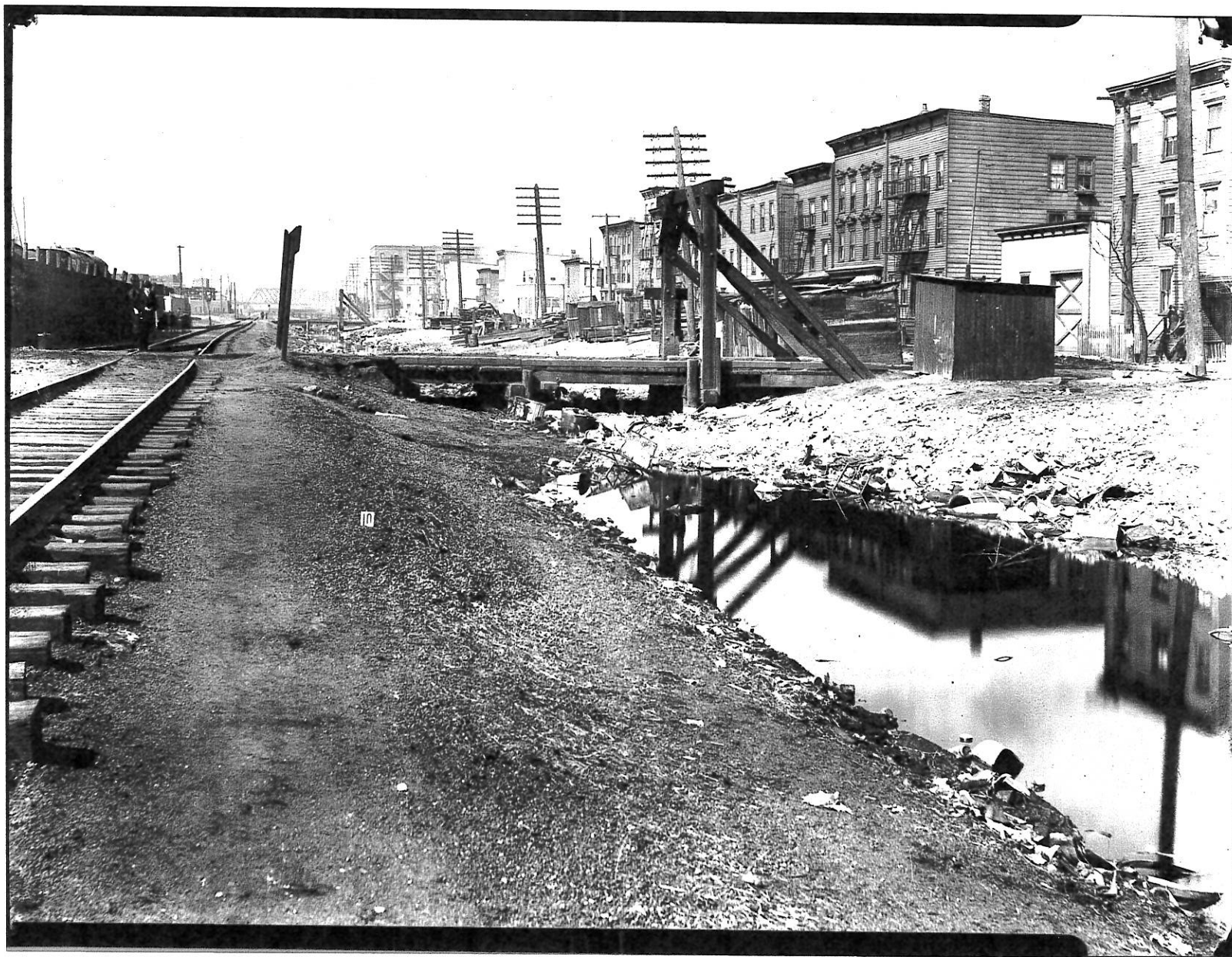
7. Vicinity of Sussex, looking W towards bridge at Henderson (Marin)



8. Henderson (Marin) St. Bridge (Gull's Cove), looking W



9. East of Grove Street, looking W (wagons at Grove St.)



10. West of Grove Street, looking W



11. Across from Barrow, looking W ("Nolan's Bridge" per 1915 Jersey Journal)



12. Looking W at Jersey Ave. bridge - vicinity of today's Light Rail station



13. From Varick St. (extended) looking W - today edge of Medical Center parking lot



14. South of Grand & Pacific looking W - today electrical substation



17. Intersection of Ash, Halliday & Carbon, looking W



21. Vicinity of Manning & Maple, looking W - today behind Lafayette Park pool



22. Vicinity of Grand & Westervelt, looking W/SW - today Canal Circle Dr. at "Whitlock Mills"



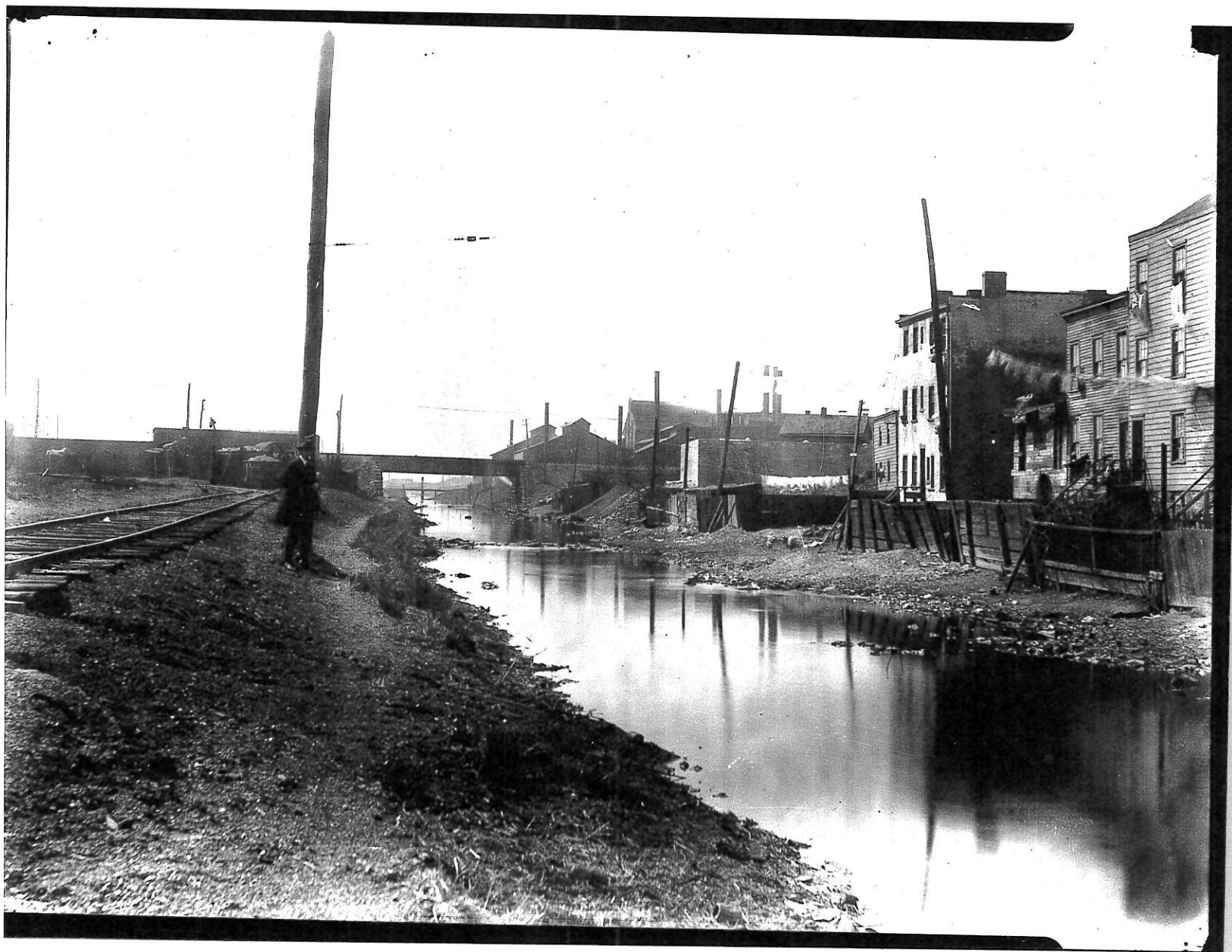
24. Looking NE from bridge at Communipaw



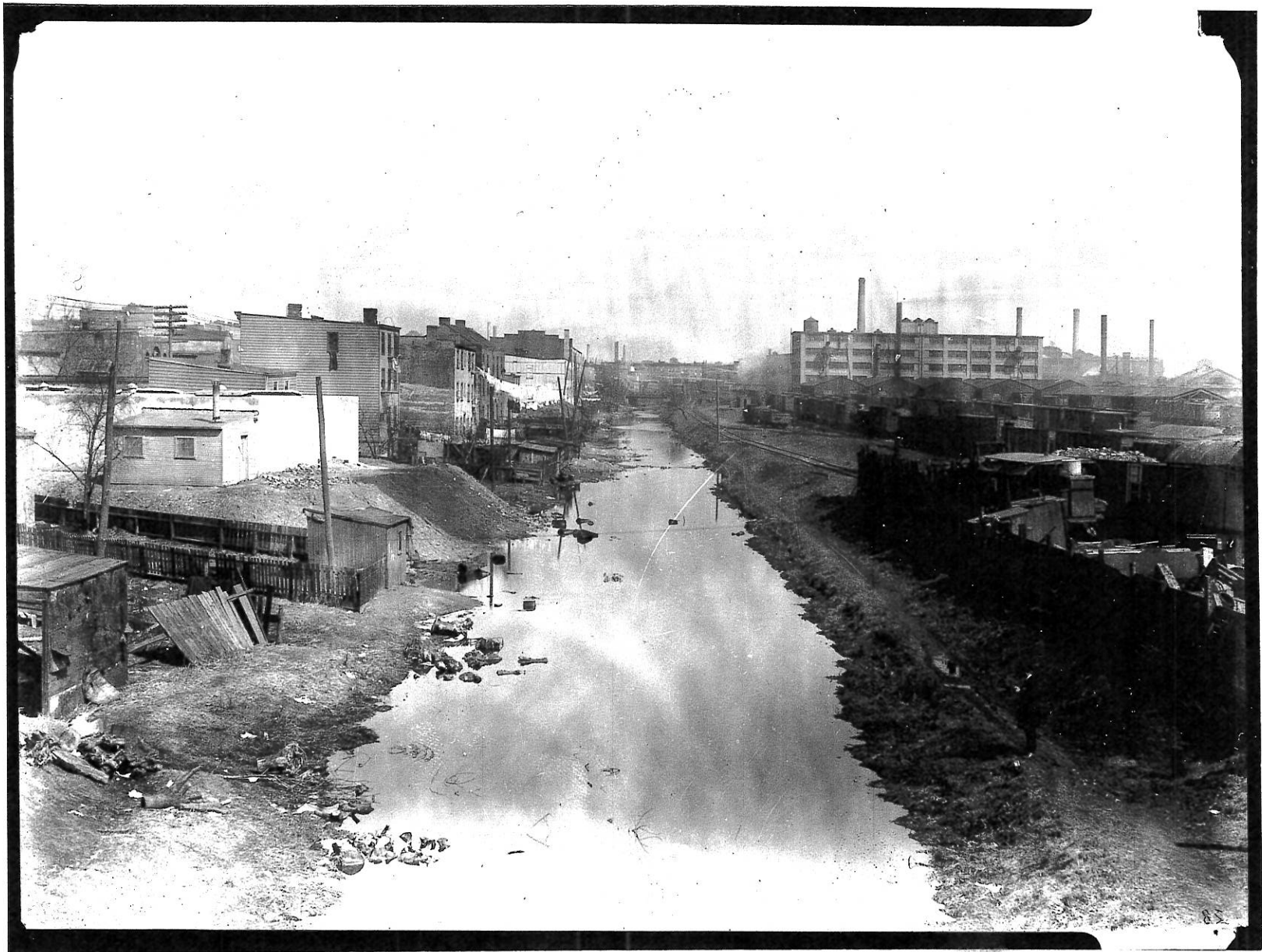
25. Looking SW from bridge at Communipaw



26. North of Bramhall & Garfield, looking SW



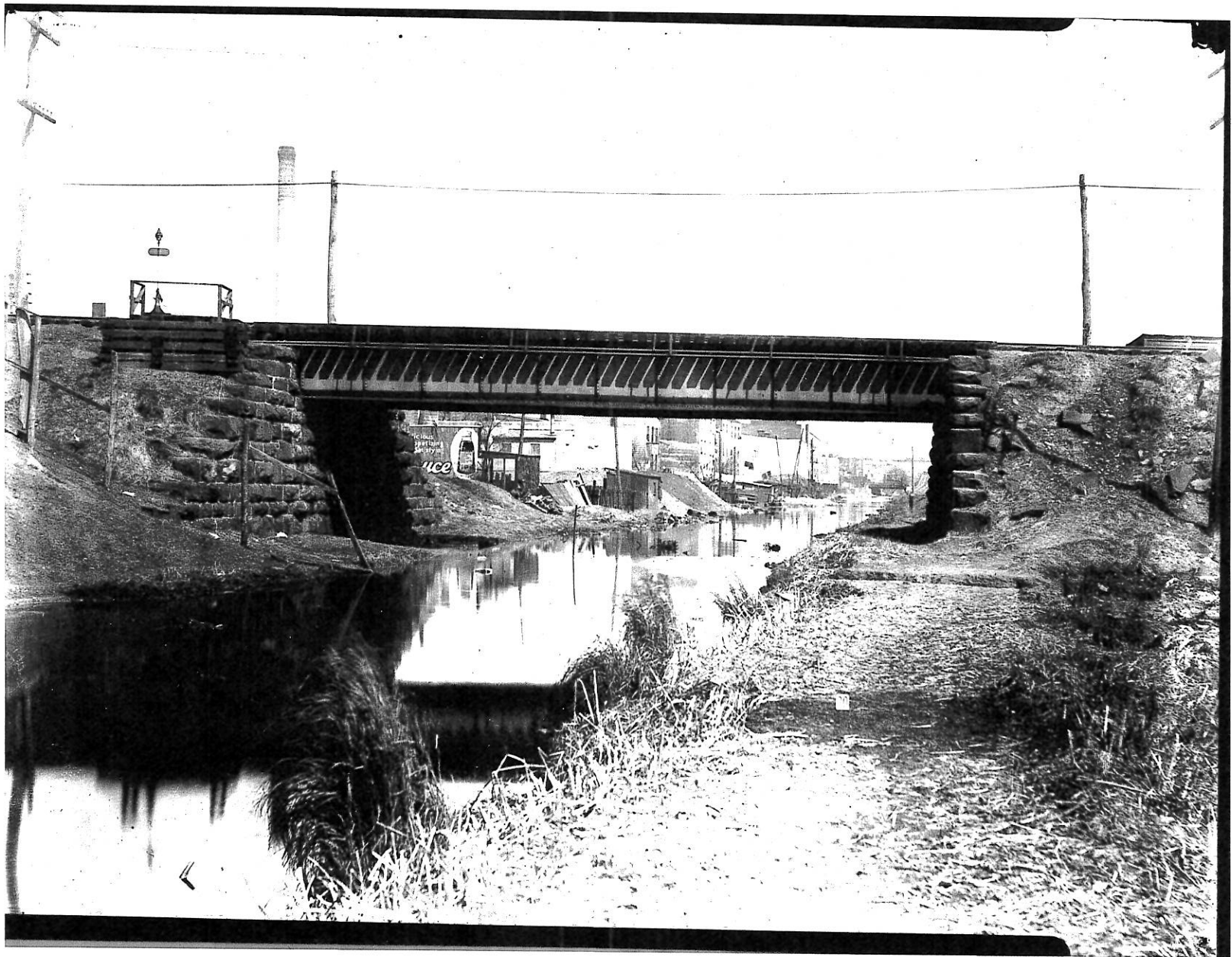
27. South of Bramhall & Garfield, looking SW



28. Looking N from Newark & NY RR bridge - today Light Rail east of Garfield Station



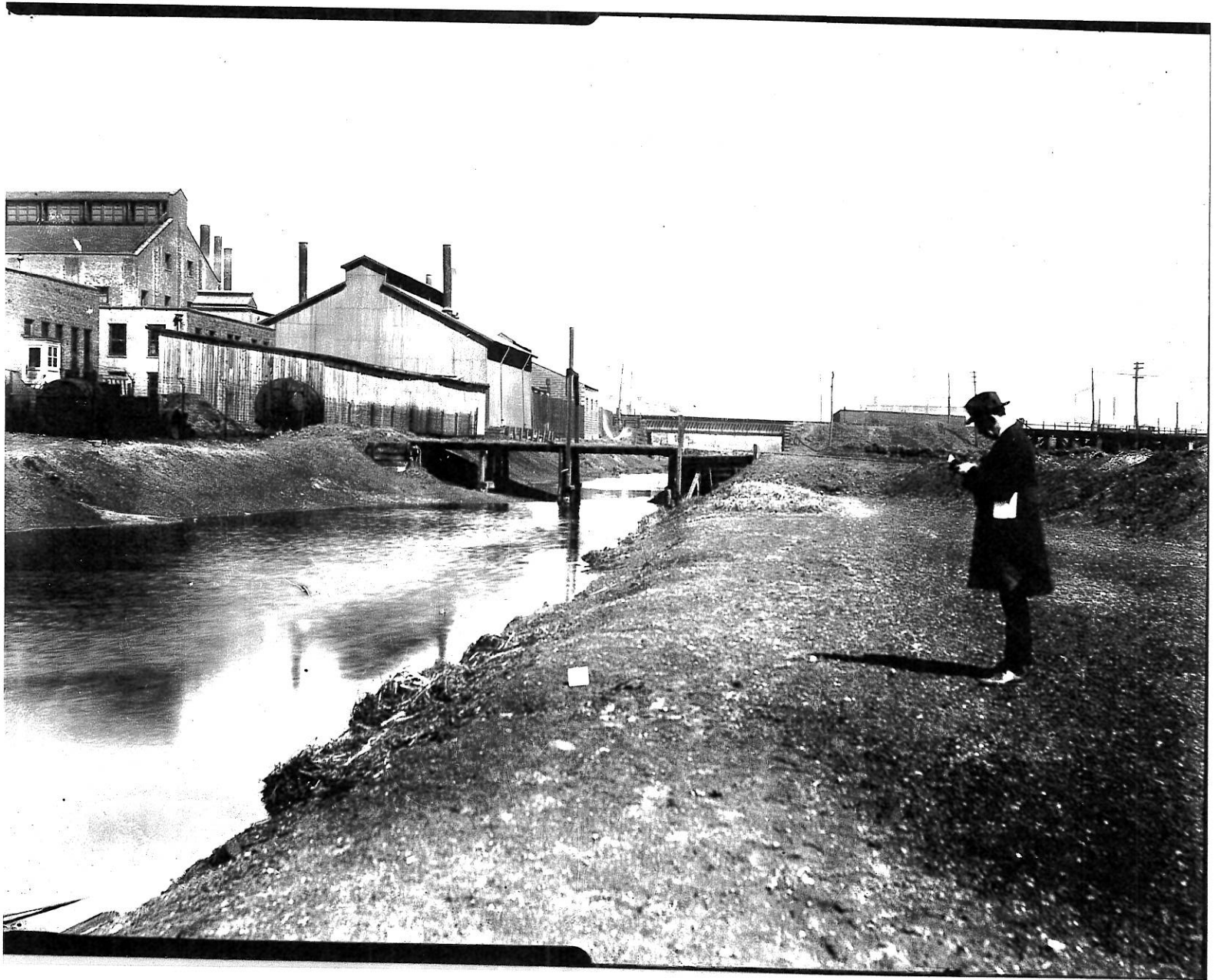
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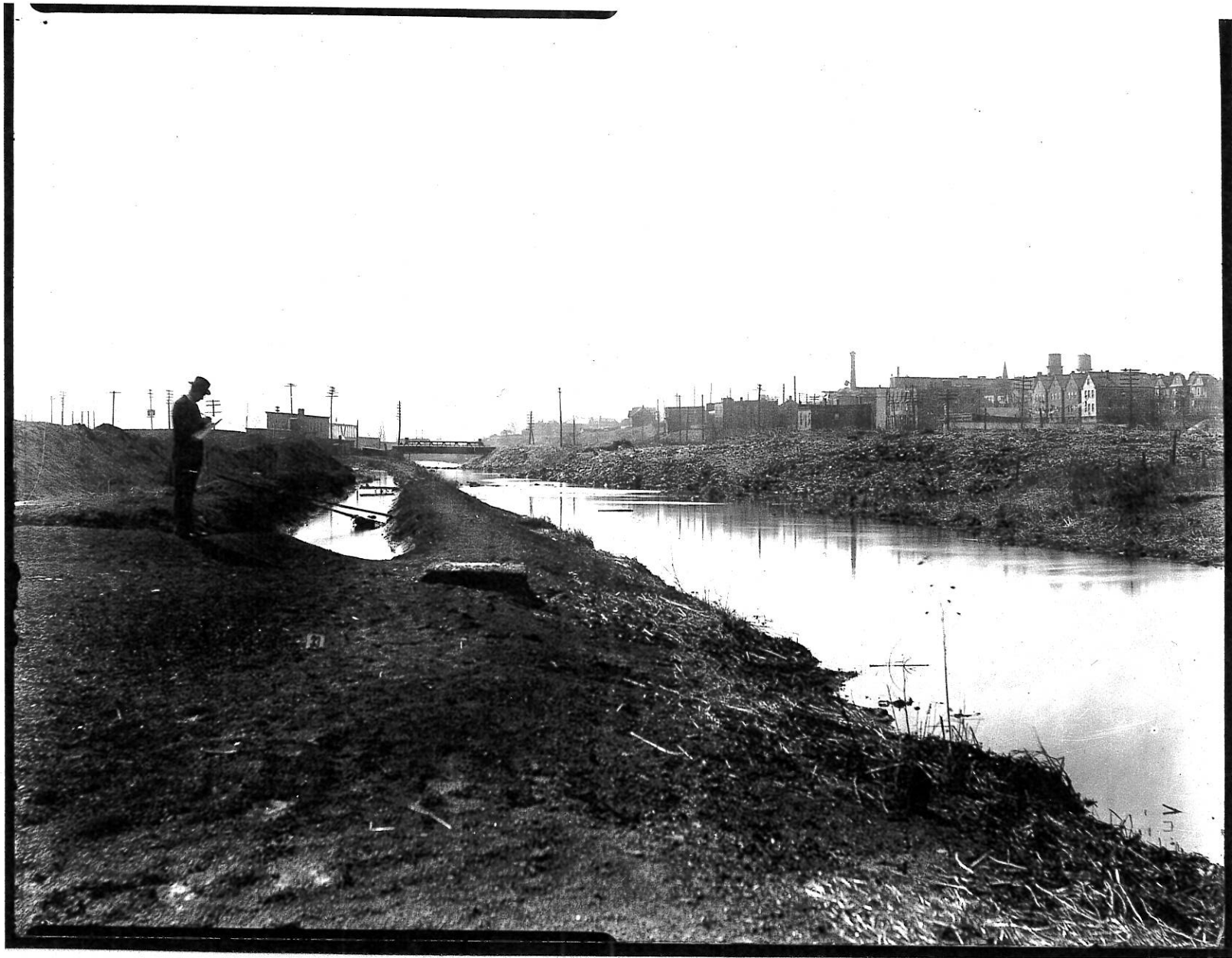
30. Newark & NY RR bridge - vicinity of Garfield & Union, looking N/NE



31. North of Carteret, looking S



32. North of Carteret, looking N



33. South of Carteret, looking S



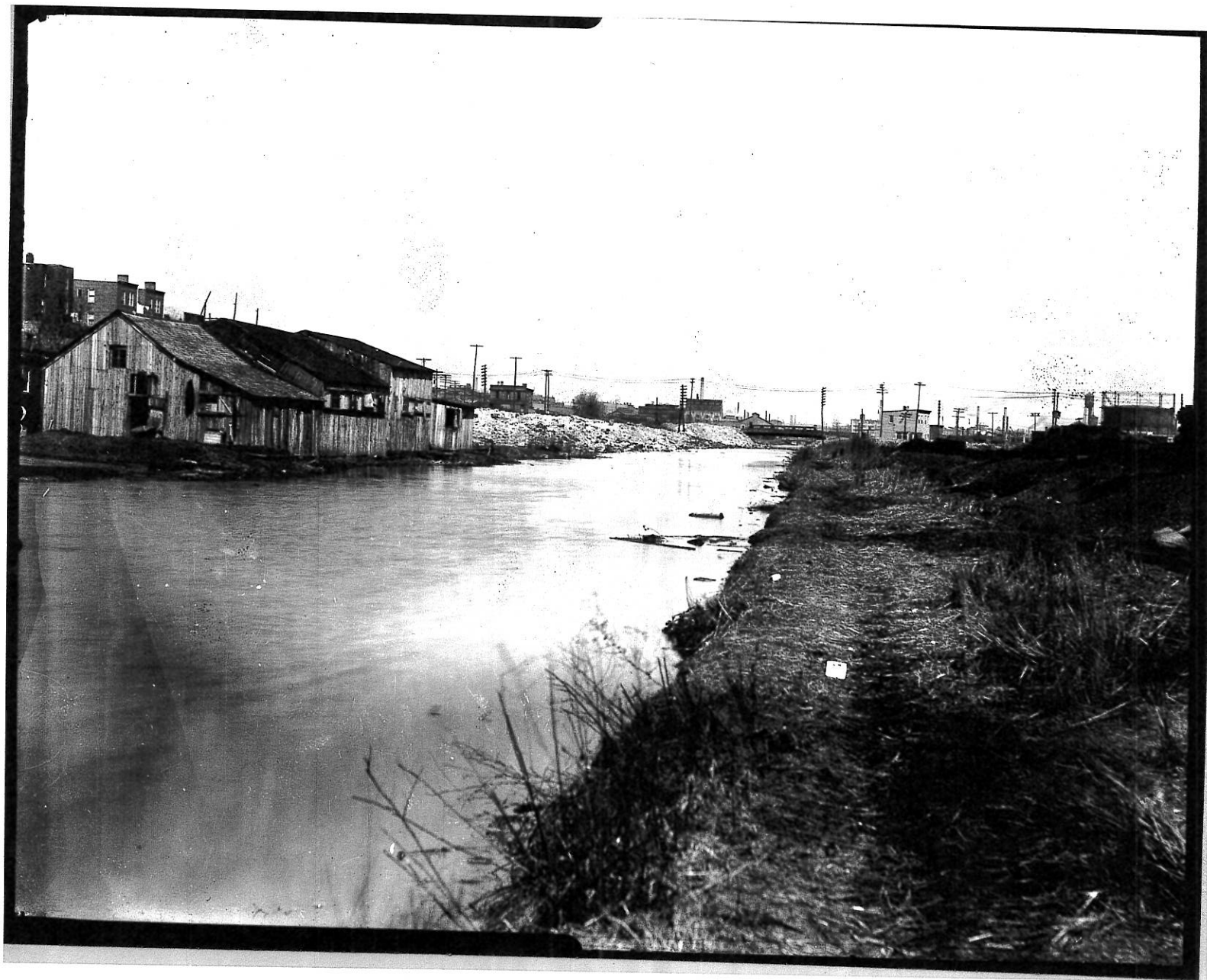
34. South of Carteret, looking N



35. Looking S from Caven Point Avenue bridge



36. Caven Point Avenue Bridge - looking NW



37. Between Caven & Bayview, lookin NE



38. Looking SW towards Central RR bridge at foot of Bidwell



39. Looking NE from Central RR bridge at Bidwell



40. Looking S/SW from Central RR bridge at Bidwell - towards Lehigh Valley RR bridge



41. Looking N towards Central RR bridge at Bidwell



42. Looking S towards Lehigh Valley RR bridge - above north end of today's Richard St. Light Rail station



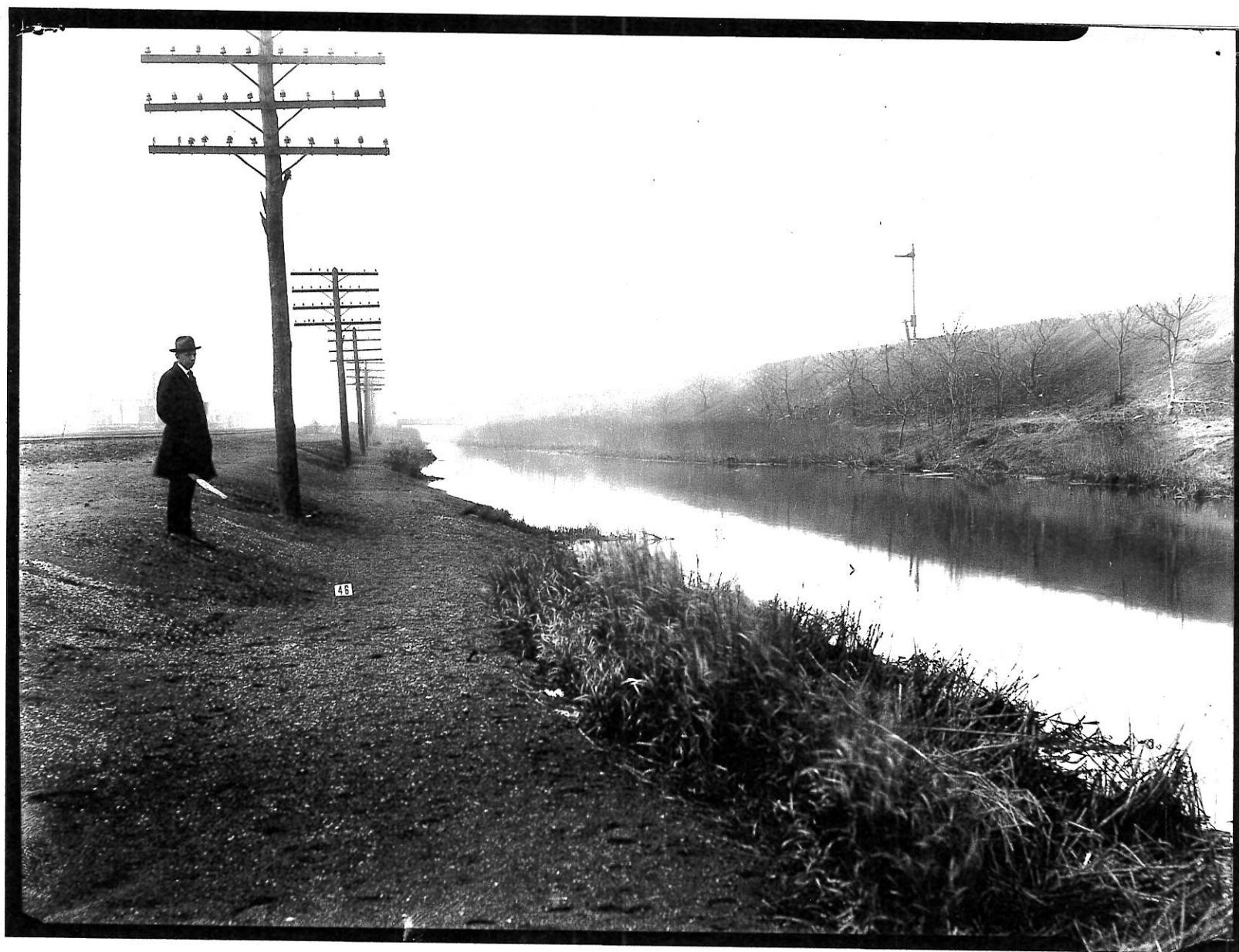
43. Looking S from below Lehigh Valley RR bridge - south end of today's Richard St. Light Rail station



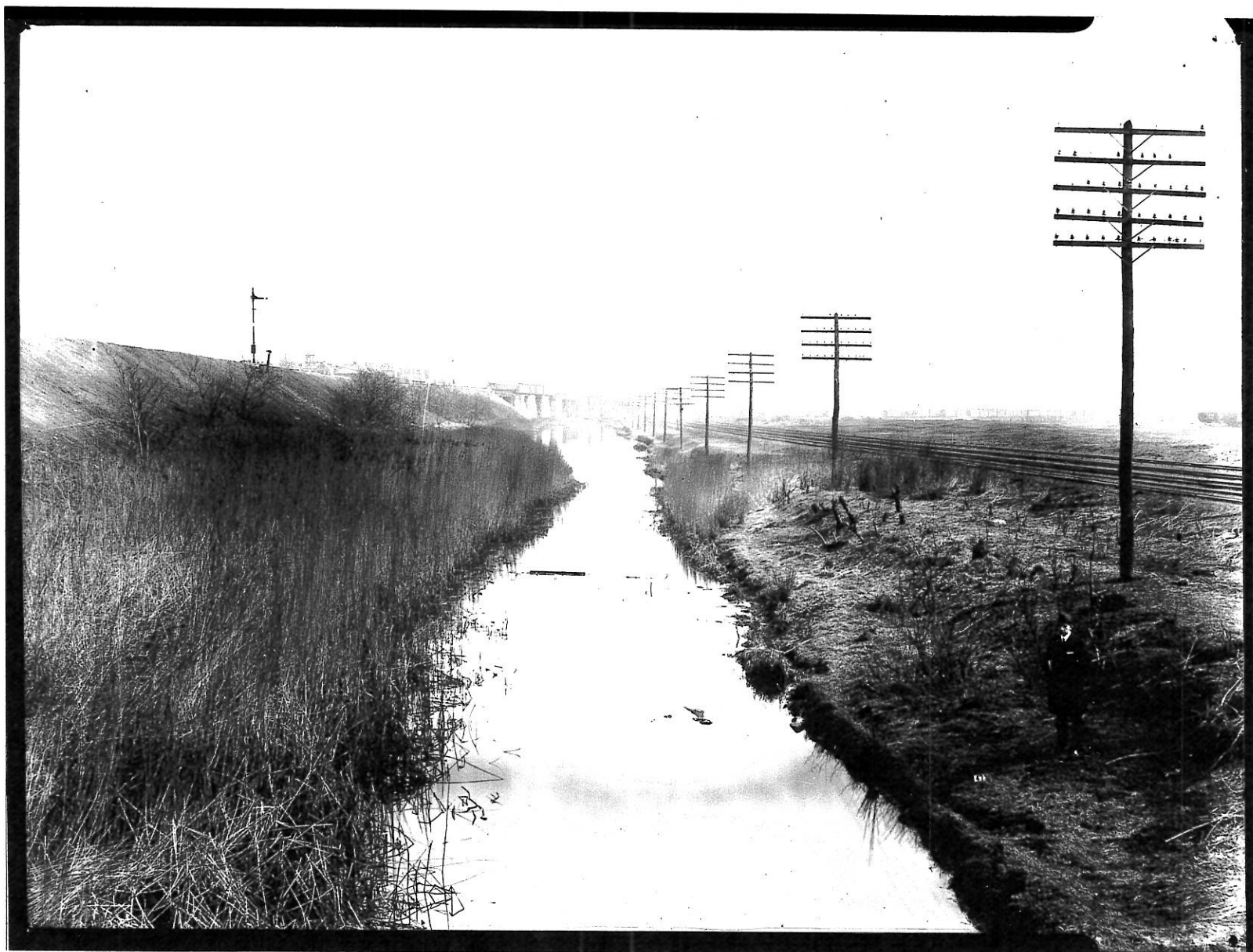
44. Looking N toward Lehigh Valley RR bridge - south end of today's Richard St. Light Rail station



45. Looking SW from below National Docks RR spur bridge - south of Richard St.



46. Looking SW from vicinity of south end of Bayside Park, towards Chapel Ave. bridge



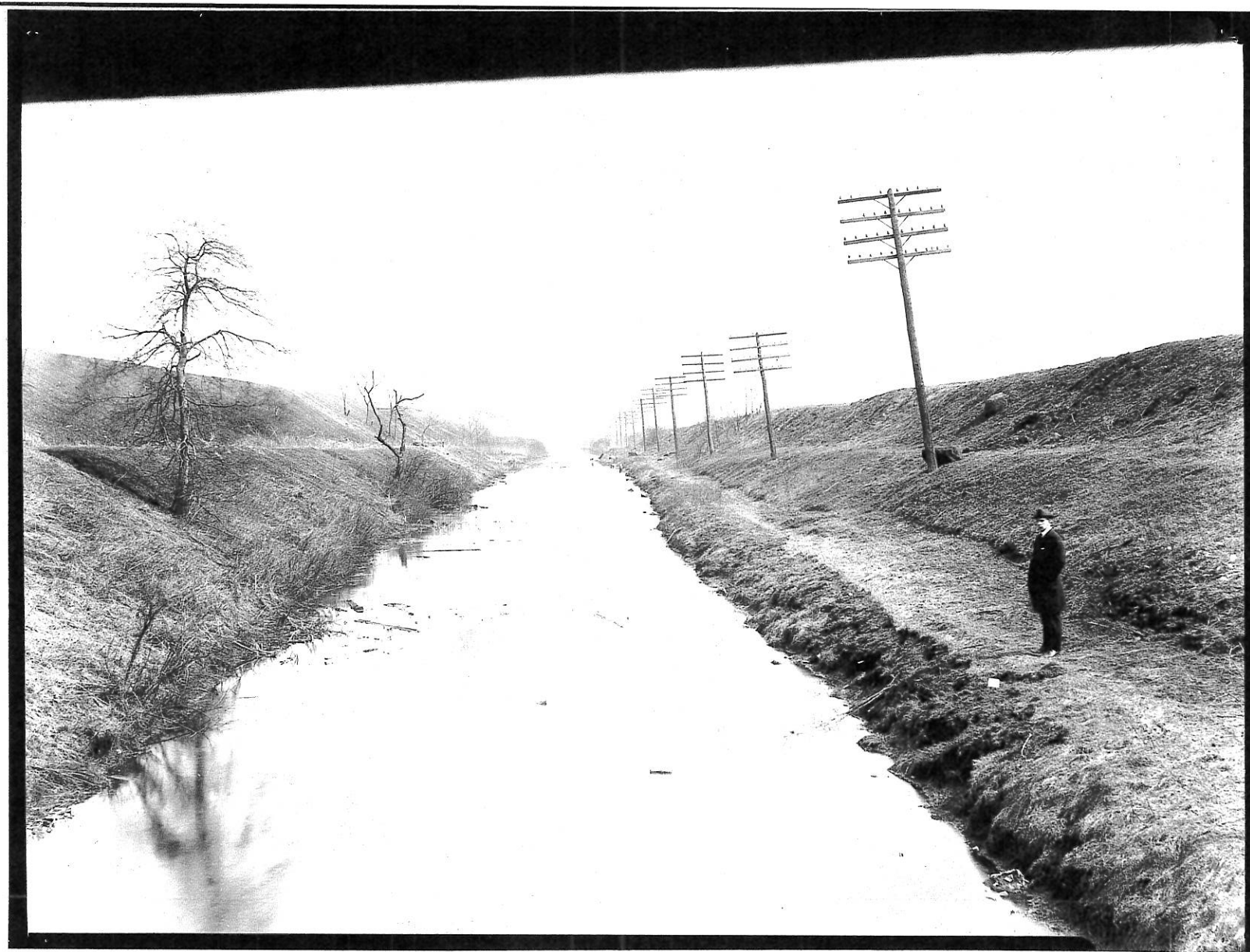
47. From Chapel Ave. bridge, looking N



48. From Chapel Ave. bridge, looking S



49. Looking N at Chapel Avenue bridge



50. Looking N from Linden Ave. bridge



51. Looking S. from Linden Ave. bridge towards National Docks RR bridge



53. Looking S from below National Docks RR bridge (best available copy)



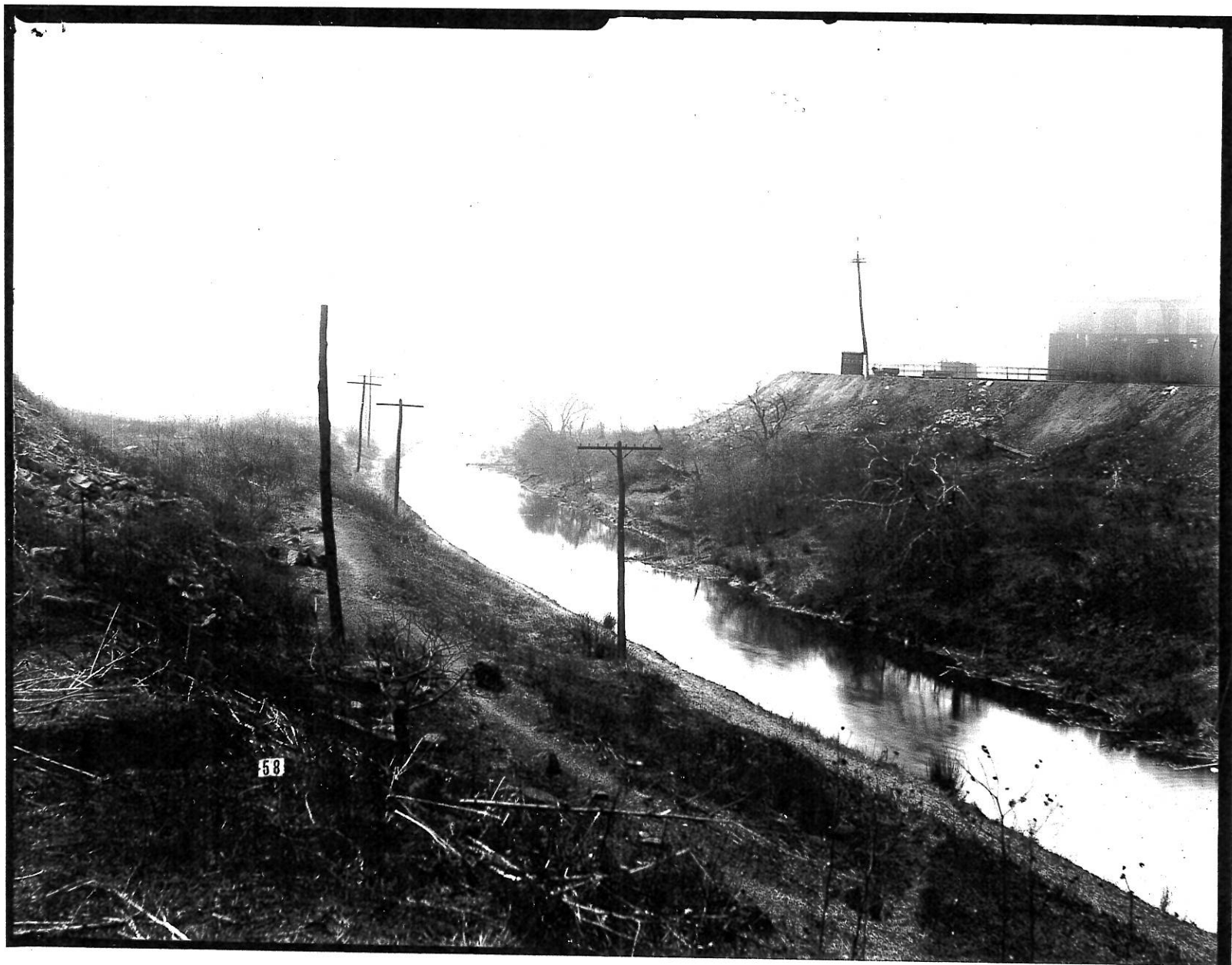
54. Constable Junction



56. From northernmost NY Bay RR bridge looking S



57. Looking N towards northernmost NY Bay RR bridge



58. Across from NY Bay RR roundhouse, looking S. Today Rt. 185 above Rt. 440.



59. Looking N towards NY Bay RR roundhouse and bridges.



60. Across from Tidewater Oil Company tanks, looking N



62. Fiddler's Elbow, looking W - Bayonne border



63. Looking W towards National Docks and Central RR bridges, east of Princeton Ave.



64. Looking W from Central RR bridge - today Bayonne entrance to Tpk extension



65. Near 54th St. looking N/NW - today Twin Cities Shopping Center



66. Looking S/SE from Garfield Ave. bridge



67. Looking N/NW from Garfield Ave. bridge - towards today's Hudson Lanes Bowling



68. Looking N/NW towards Ave. C bridge - today Bayonne exit from Rt. 78 (Tpk extension)



69. Looking S/SE from Ave. C bridge - today Rt. 78 (Tpk extension)



70. Looking N/NW from Ave. C bridge - today Rt. 78 (Tpk extension)



71. Ave. B at Rt. 78 (Tpk Extension) - looking N/NE - NY Bay RR bridge



72. Merritt Street/Ruby Brown Terrace - looking N - today Curries Woods Houses / Mercer Park



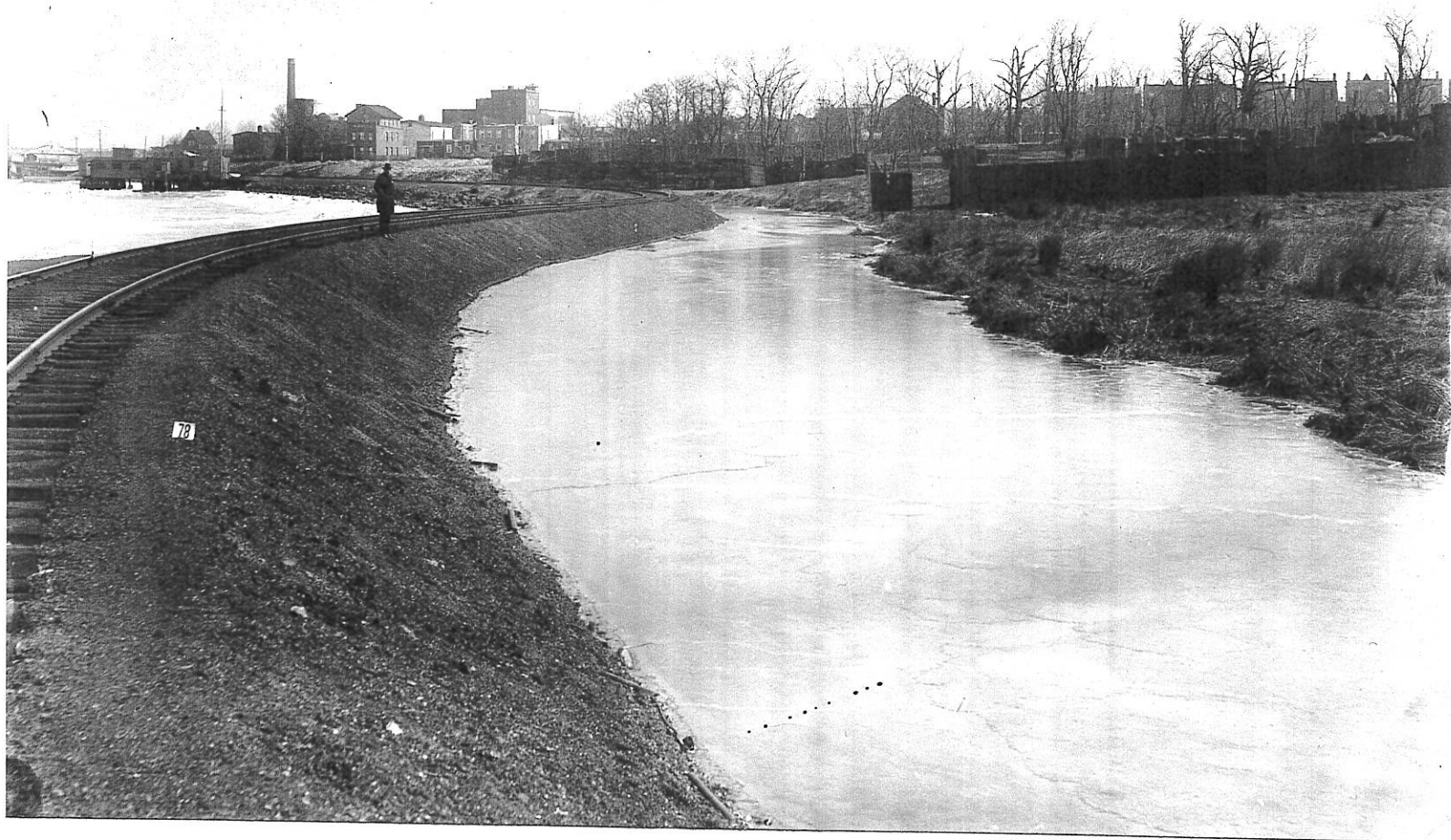
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75. Boulevard Bridge 63rd St. looking S/SE - towards today Curries Woods Houses



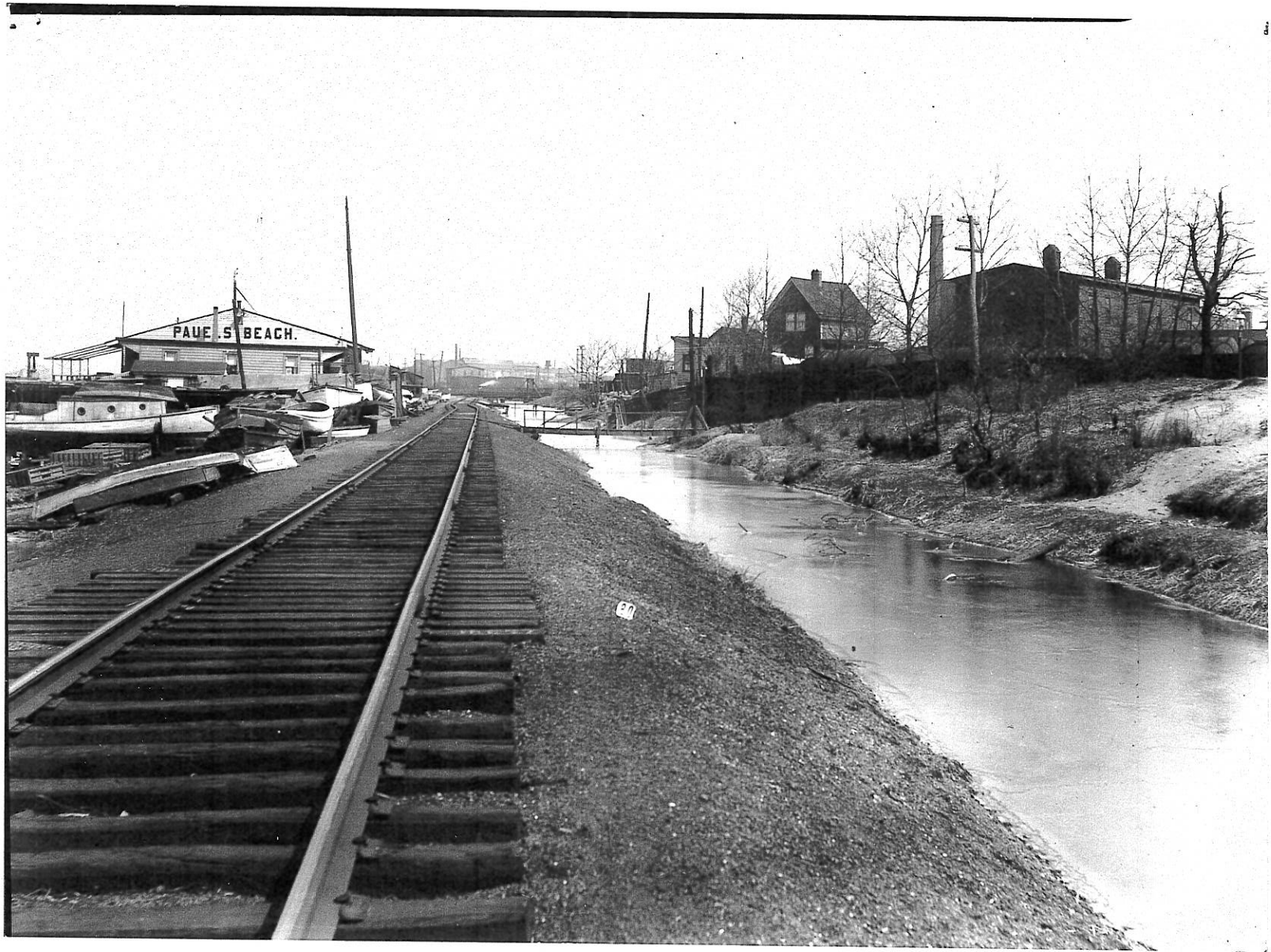
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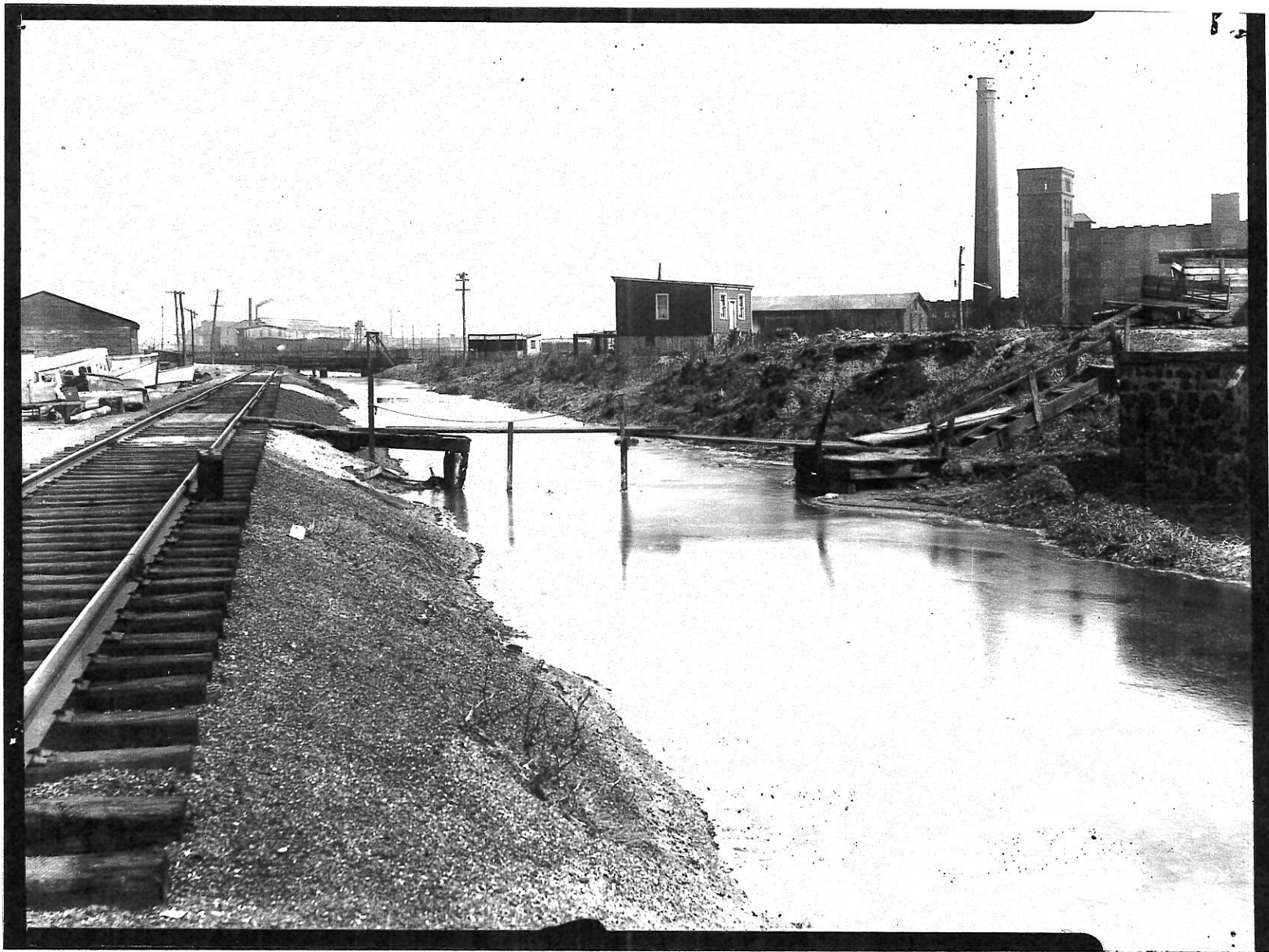
78. Vicintity of 63rd St. looking N - today McGovern Park baseball field



79. Foot of Gates Ave. looking N



80. Near foot of Neptune, today Mina Dr. entry to Country Village, looking N



81. At Bartholdi, today Sycamore Rd. entrance to Country Village, looking N



82. Foot of Pearsall, looking N - bridge at Lembeck



83. Looking N from bridge at Lembeck Ave. - Newark Bay Bath Houses on left



85. Bridge at Danforth Ave. - today entrance to Society Hill at Rt. 440



87. Vicinity of Stevens Ave. extended - today Stadium Plaza Shopping Center entrance, Rt. 440



89. Mutual Chemical Company - today Rt. 440 Home Depot site



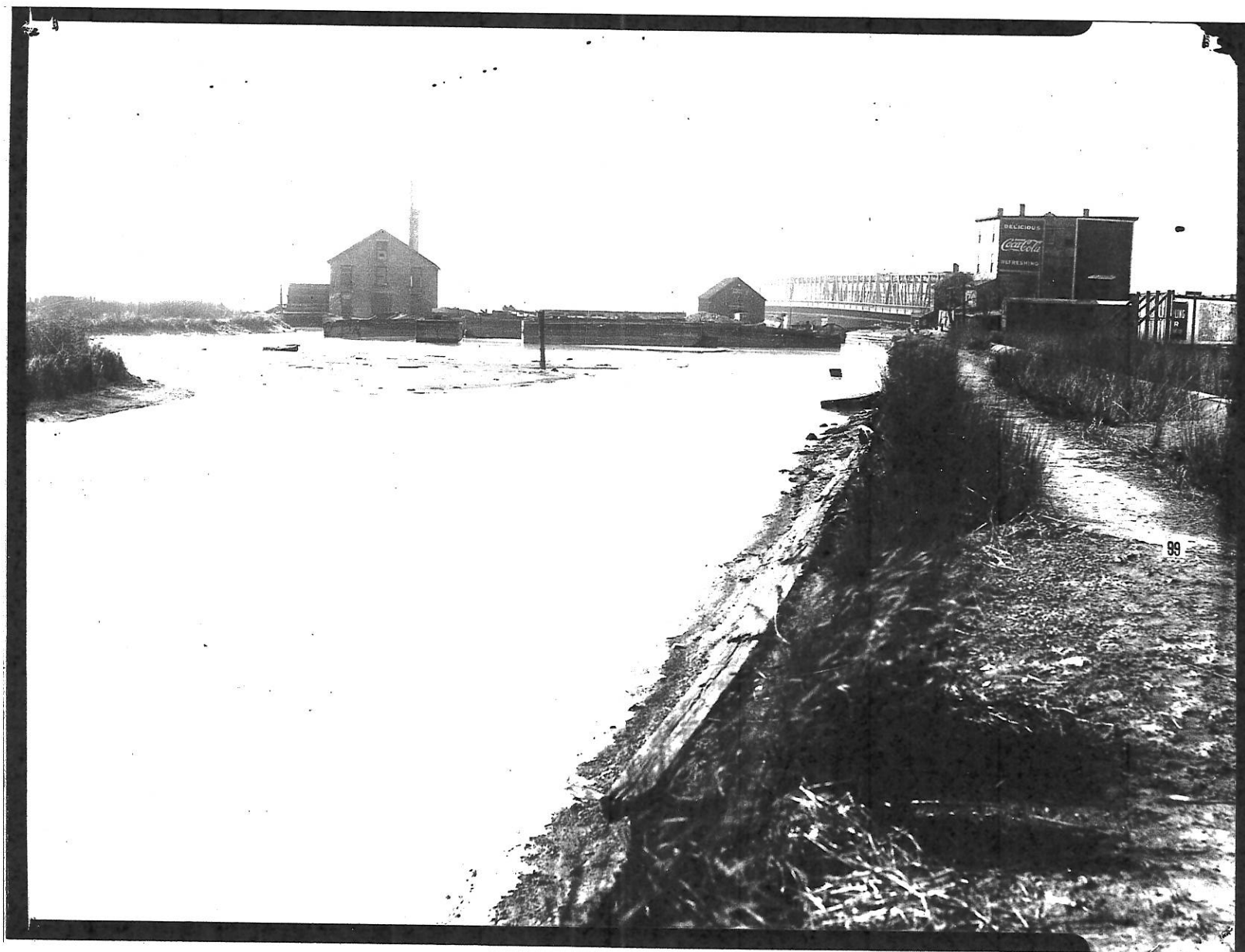
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93. From Yale Ave. bridge, looking N/NE - today south end of Hudson Mall at Rt. 440



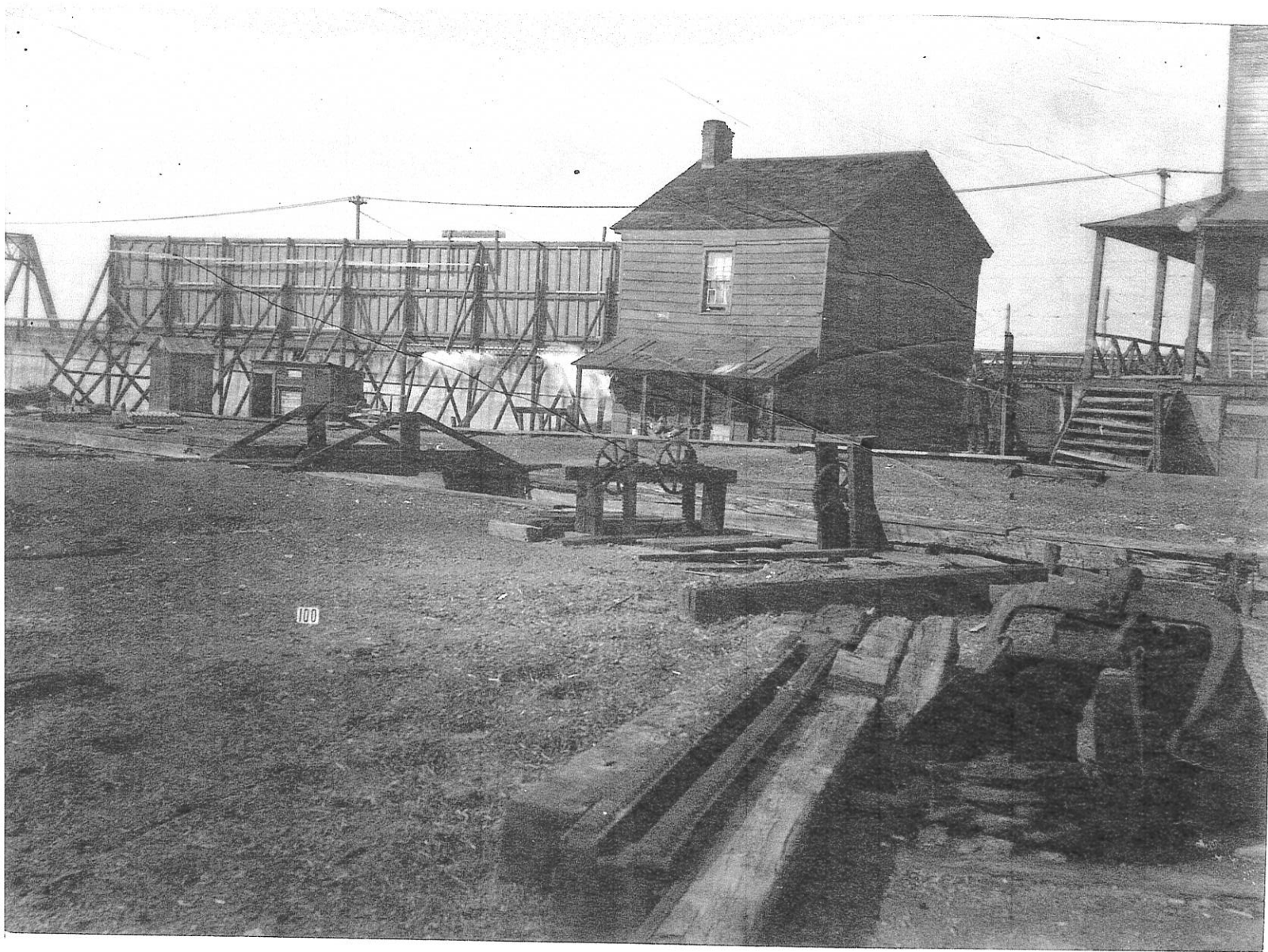
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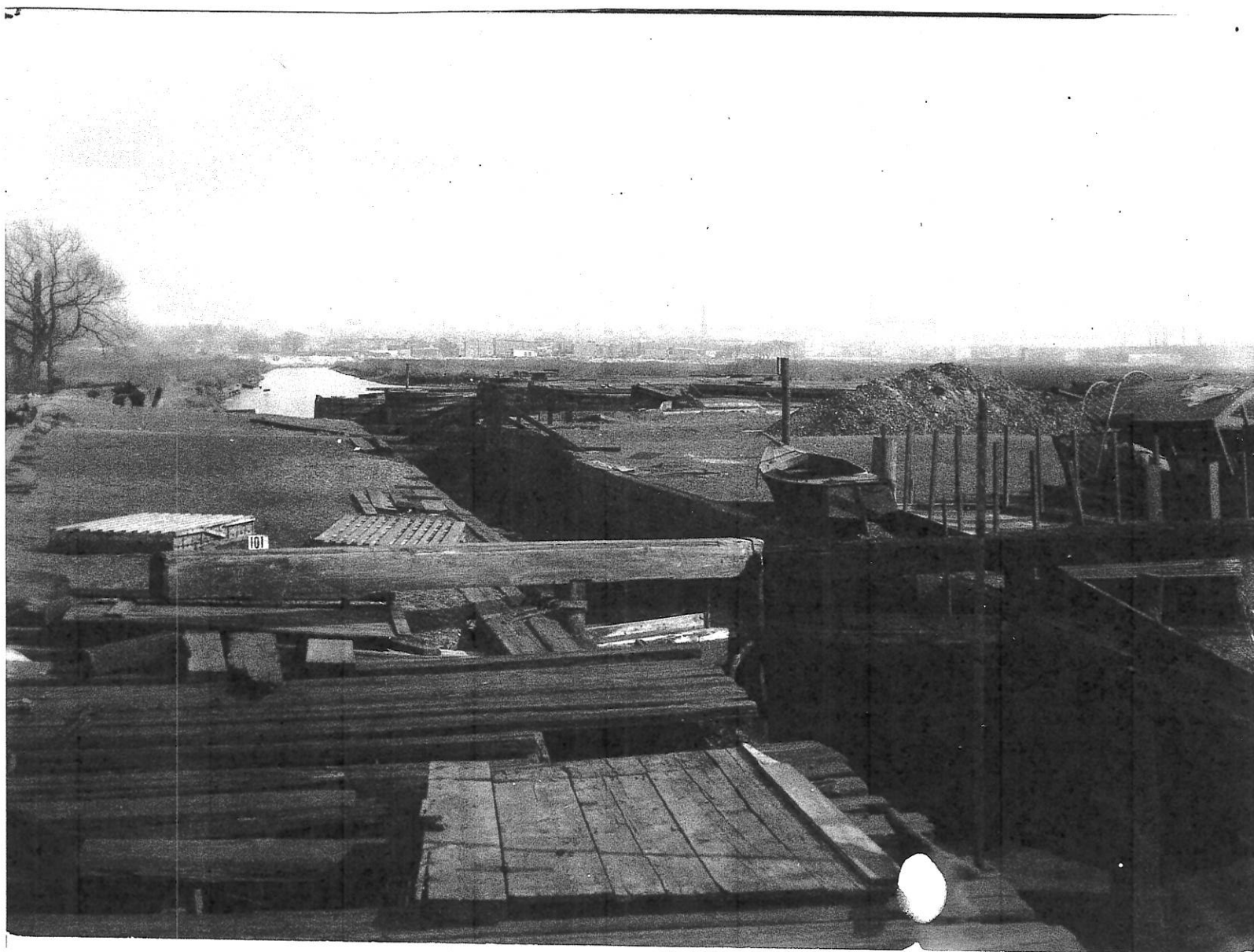
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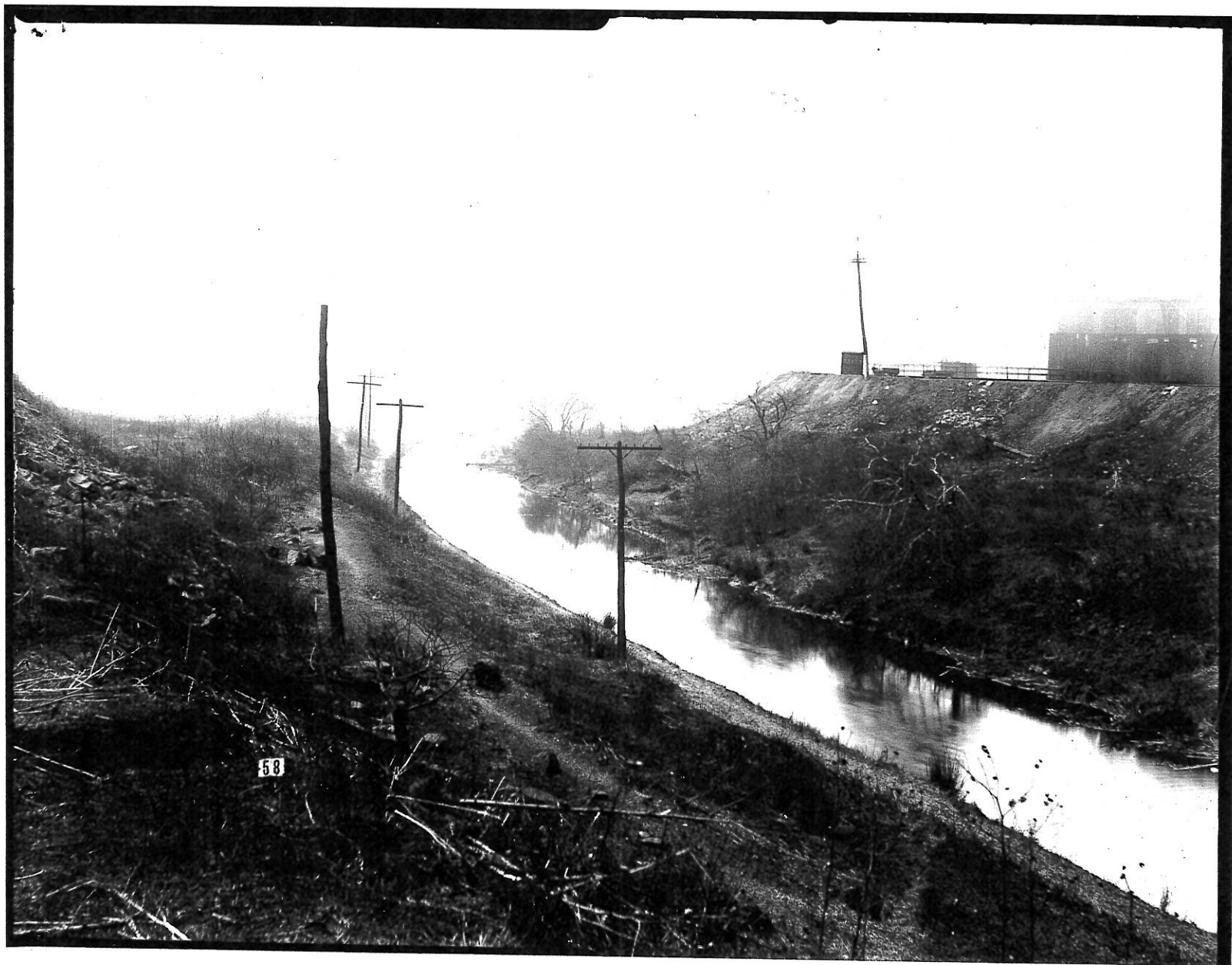
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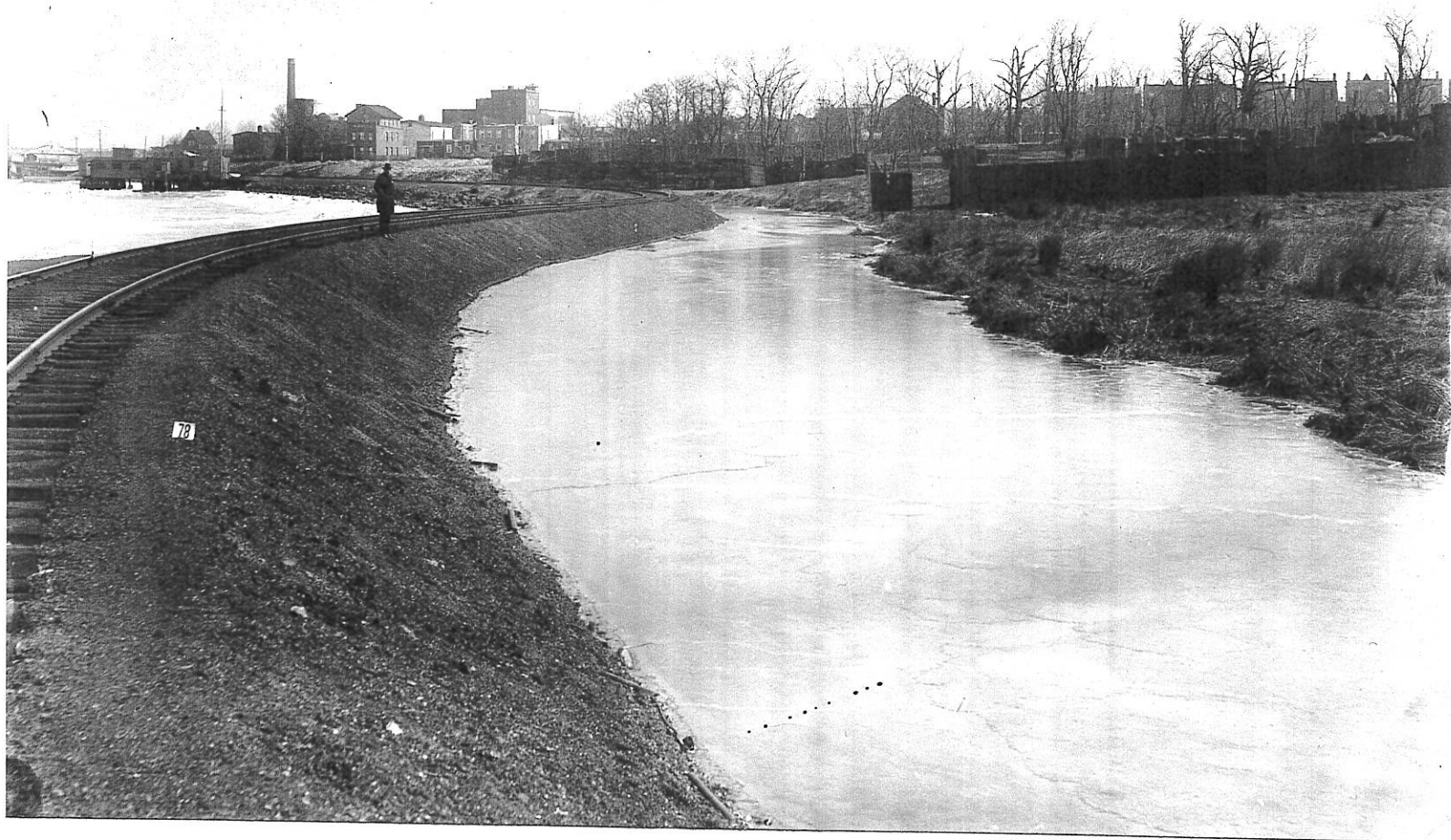
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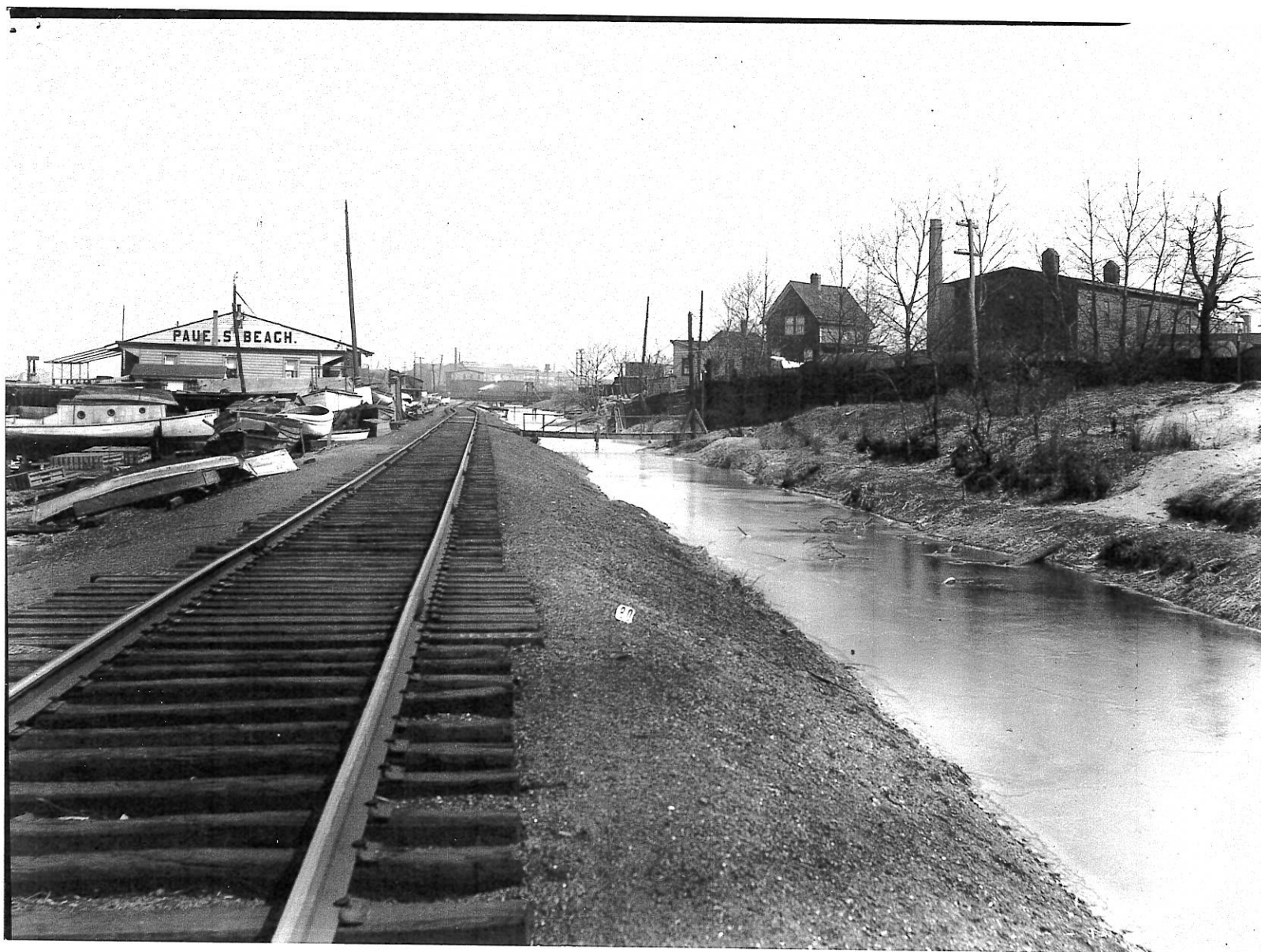
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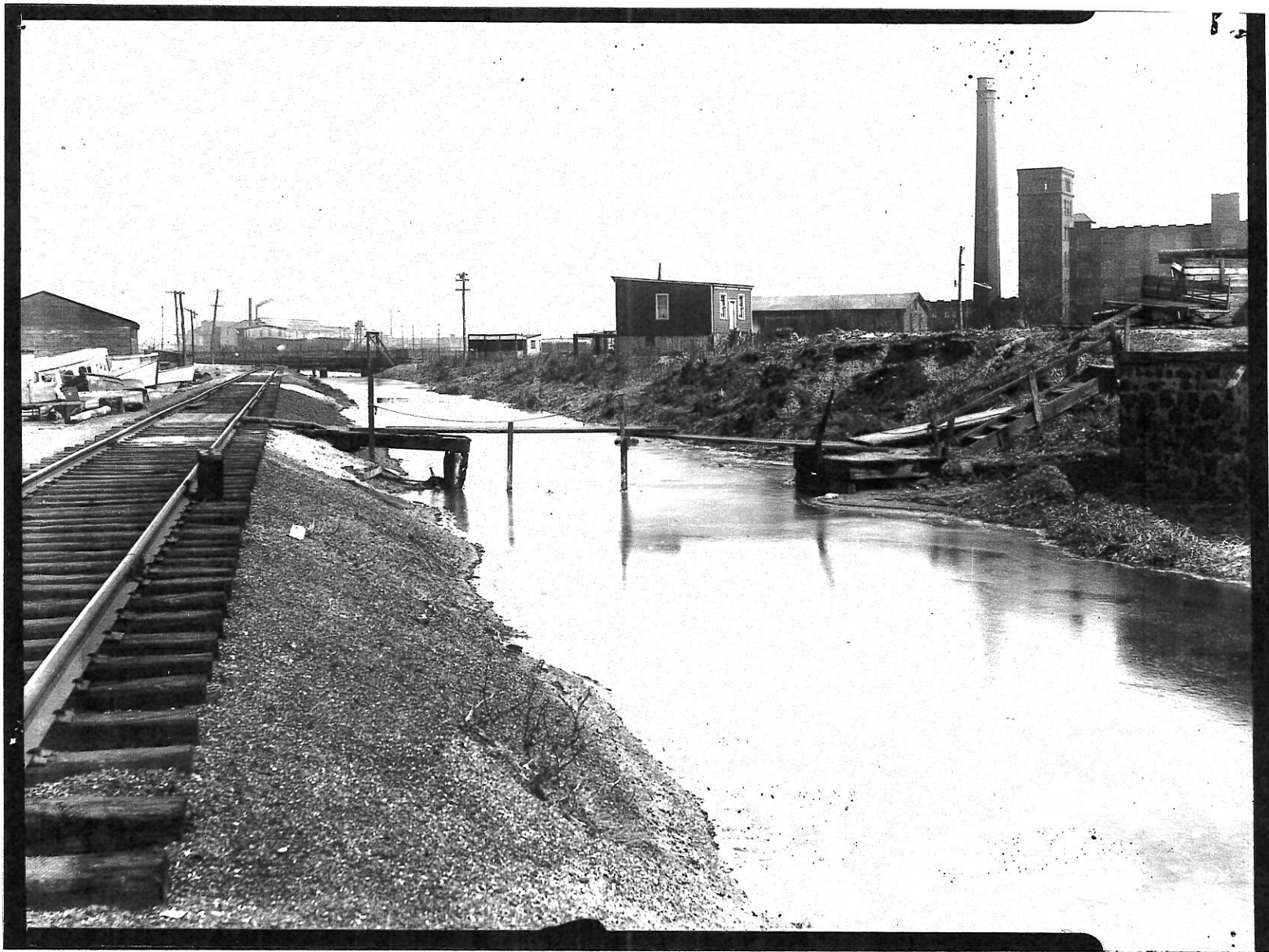
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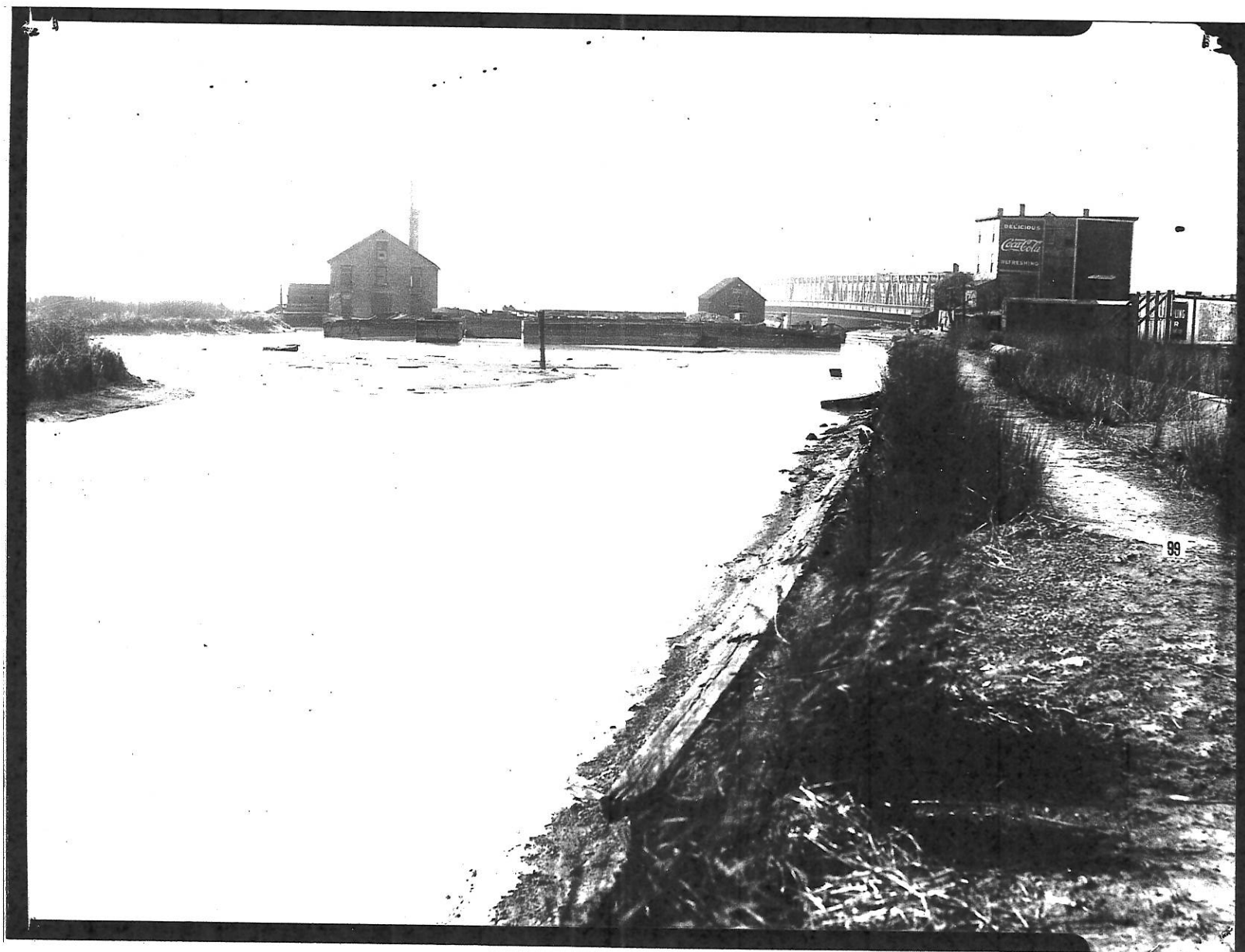
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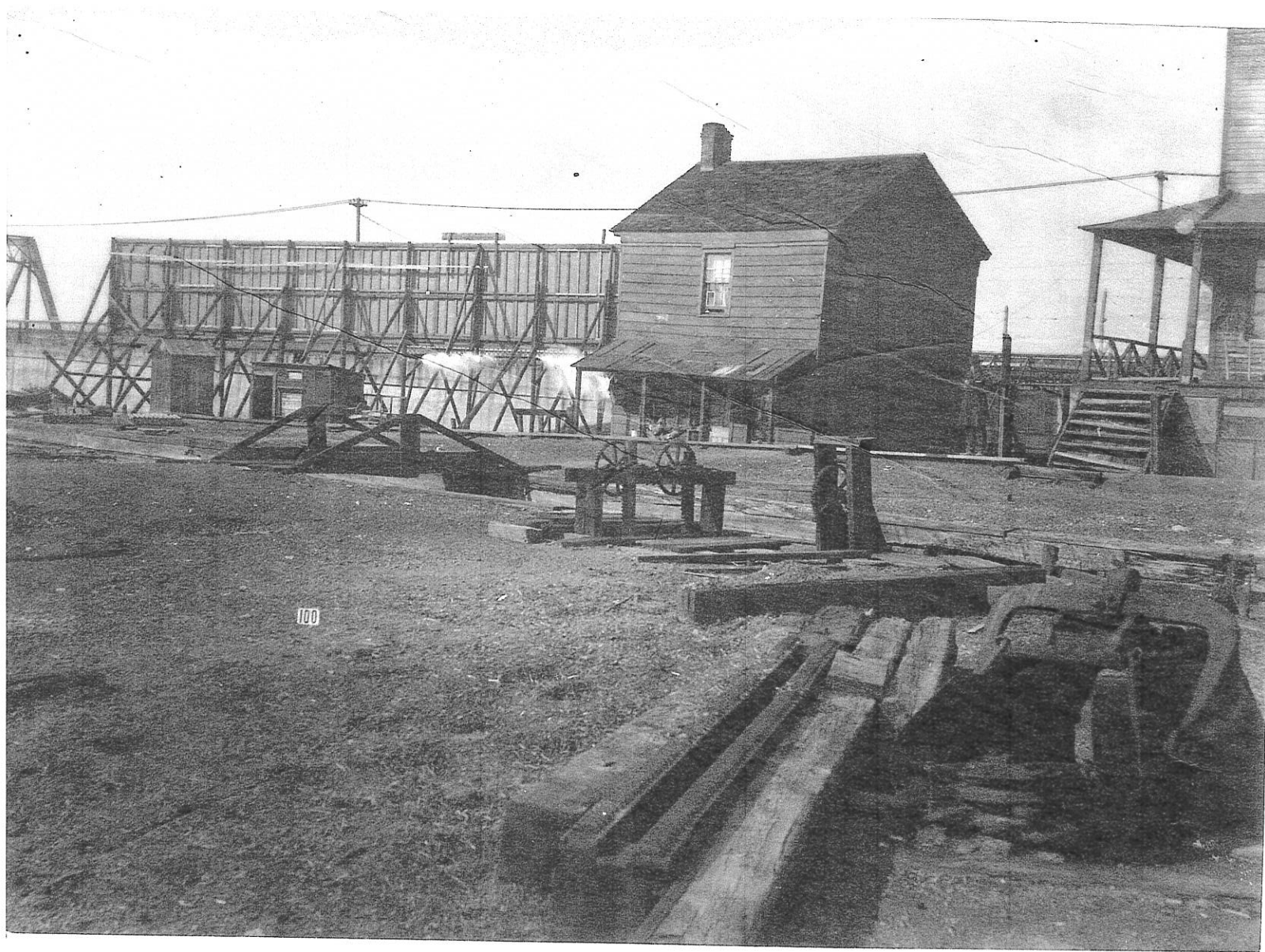
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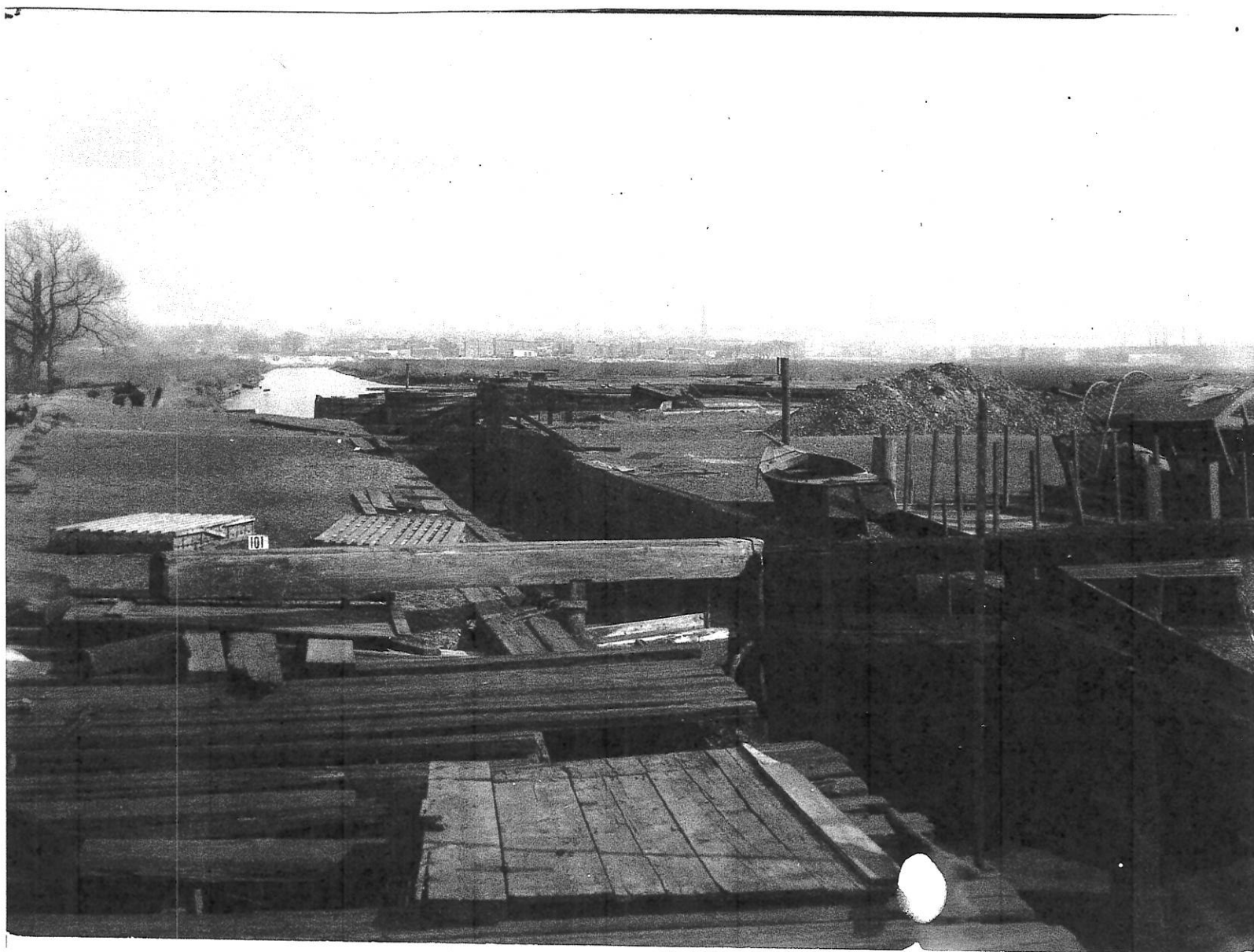
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